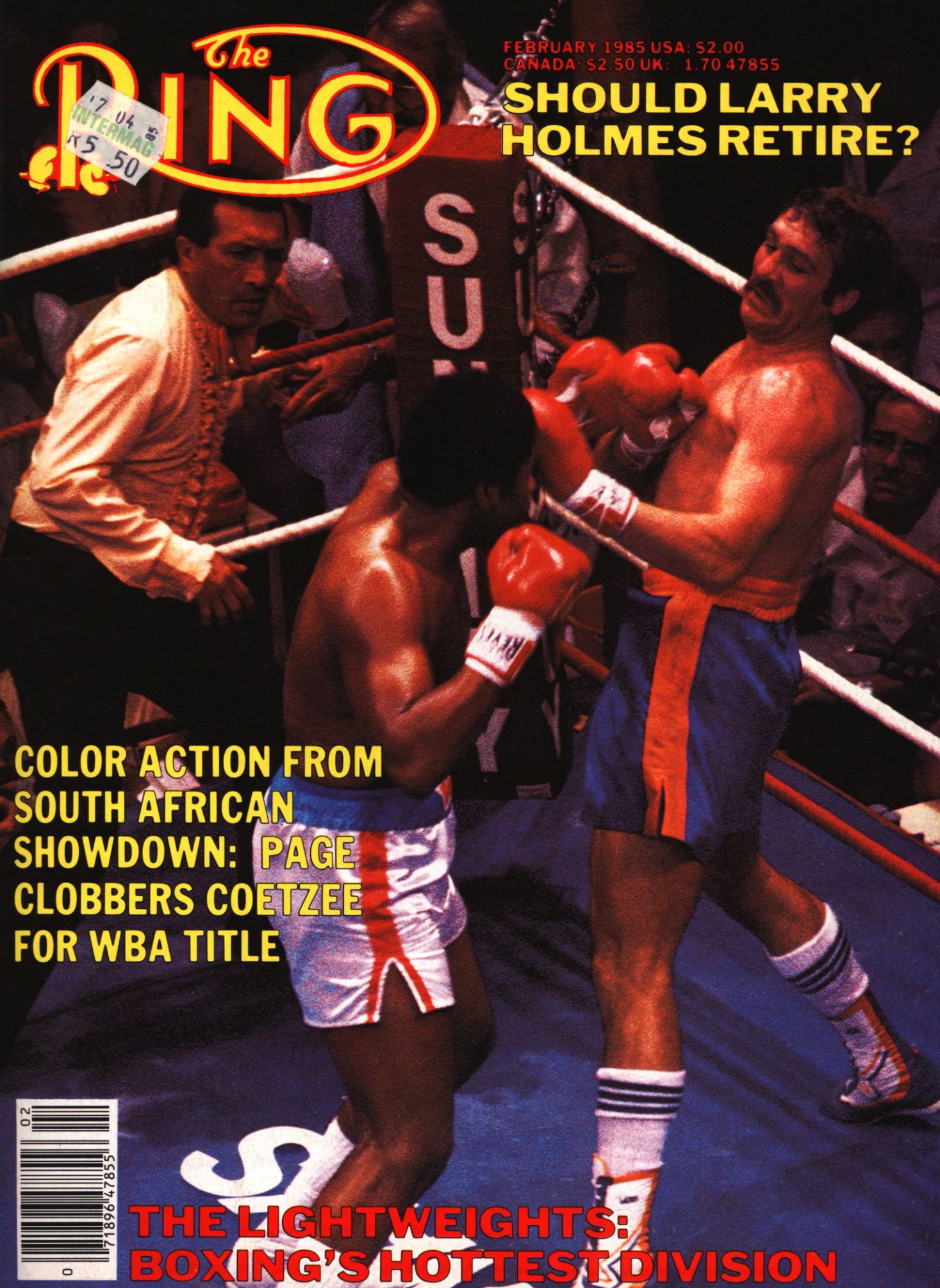
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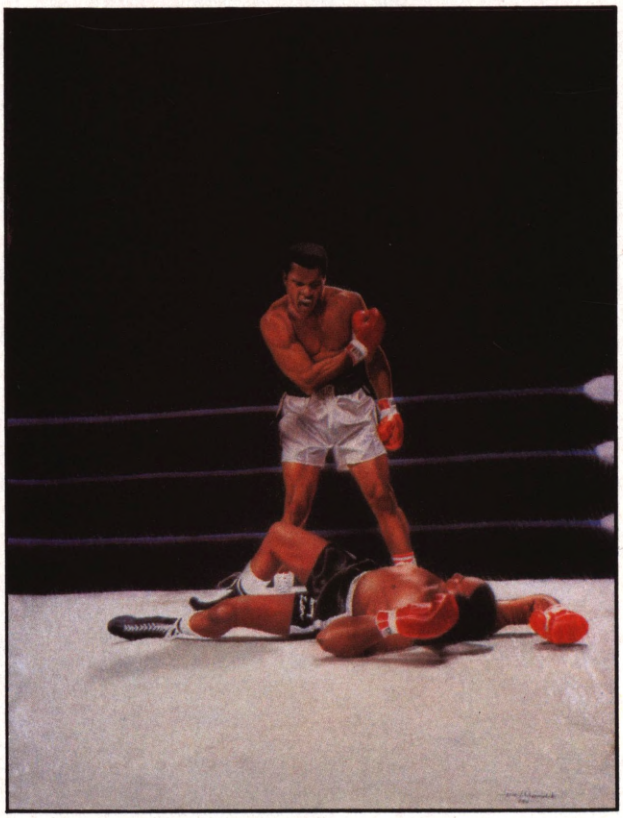

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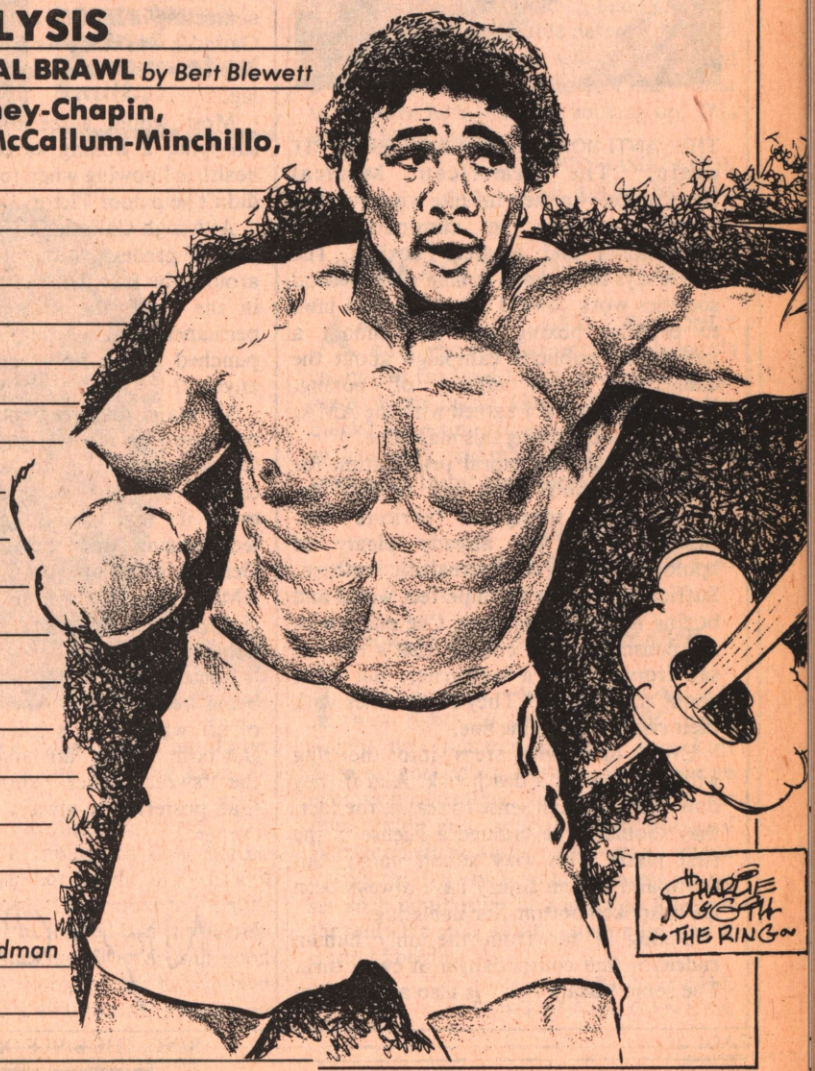

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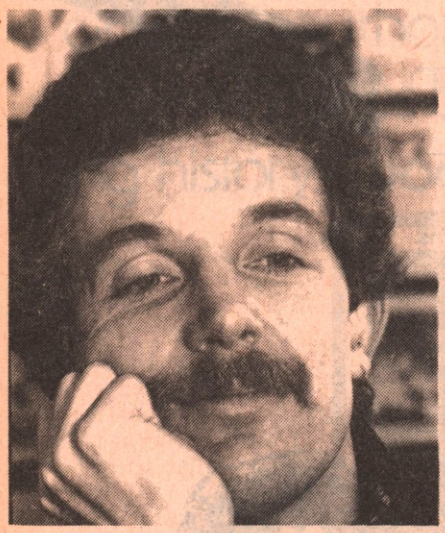

THE ANTI-BOXING BRIGADE IS AT IT again. The American Medical Association—in their infinite wisdom—has voted to work to eliminate both professional and amateur boxing. The AMA says they intend to help state medical societies work toward changing state laws to prohibit boxing and also mount a nationwide publicity campaign about the dangerous health effects of boxing. Needless to say, if I agreed with the AMA, I would not be editing this magazine.

There is no real moral justification for boxing. I won't insult our readers' intelligence by trying to fabricate one. Besides, there are already plenty of apologists among my journalistic brethren. Suffice to say, it's an imperfect world and boxing is one compromise I've made with my conscience. Of course, that's easy to say from behind a typewriter, but what about the fighters? They're the ones with their cerebrums on the line.

Every man who steps into the ring willingly accepts a death risk. And if they don't have enough sense to realize the fact, they shouldn't be granted a license in the first place. This may sound harsh, but death and serious injury have always been the unspoken bottom line in boxing.

Boxing is far from the only human endeavor that courts danger at every turn. The same "death risk" is also accepted by countless other men (and women) participating in everything from mountain climbing to deep-sea diving, from parachuting to spelunking. For example, both boxers and race car drivers are brothers performing on the razor's edge of life and death. The only differences are in the particulars. Dead is dead, no matter whether Mark Donohue or Benny Kid Paret is the victim.

Comparing the hazards involved in boxing and auto racing always brings Victor Galindez to mind. The two-time light heavyweight champion and survivor of many a ring war, was killed several months after his boxing retirement, while competing in his first auto race as a driver. Galindez was run over walking back to the pits after his car conked out on the first lap.

Most would agree that the secret to surviving a boxing career in reasonable health is knowing when to get out. But that didn't help poor Victor. Did it?

Although Galindez's ironic lot may be a case of predestination, there is no getting around the fact that the more one gets hit in the head, the greater the chance of permanent injury. But who said getting punched in the nose was good for you, anyway?

My major disagreement with the AMA is not based on medical grounds, but in the Constitutional right of all American citizens to practice freedom of choice—even if that choice means they are jeopardizing their health. The Surgeon General, who I am sure is a member of the AMA, can not forbid you to smoke cigarettes, only *advise* you against the habit.

Someone once said that life is the art of being well deceived. And there is no realm of life where that is truer than in boxing. But both boxing fans and practitioners of the "sweet science" should never forget that posterity is always just around the corner.

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COME OUT WRITING

Larry Holmes hangs tough against 'Bonecrusher' Smith.

Reader C.J. Cook thinks Thomas Hearns will be too much for John Mugabi.

A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR HOLMES

ALL THE CRITICS ARE HOLLERING that IBF heavyweight champion Larry Holmes is through and should retire. I beg to differ with these critics. I remember when Larry was in his prime and had trouble with Earnie Shavers, Mike Weaver, and Renaldo Snipes. All three knocked Holmes down and had him on the verge of a knockout loss. But Larry recuperated and came back to kayo all three.

Holmes has the fighting heart of a champion and the ability to fight harder when hurt. He had not fought in a year and was rusty for the "Bonecrusher" Smith bout. That's why he looked bad. I sincerely believe that Holmes has three or four good fights left in him. I predict that he will beat Rocky Marciano's 49-0 record, winning 50 and retiring undefeated.

ADOLPH ARM
REGO PARK, N.Y.

MUGABI MALIGNED

JOHN MUGABI IS A MARKED MAN. Throw out the fact that he has recently graced the cover of practically every boxing magazine. Throw out the fact that the boxing public has embraced him as a superhuman, destruction machine. Thomas Hearns is simply going to outbeast the "Beast."

Granted, Mugabi has shown tremendous power during his string of knockout victories, but I must compliment (Mugabi's manager) Mickey Duff on his shrewd handling of the fighter. Duff chose credible opponents such as James Green, Curtis Parker, and Frank Fletcher, but these are also men whose styles were made to order for Mugabi. They were wade-in type brawlers who lead with their chins. Against Hearns, Mugabi will be forced to cope with things he is not used to—lateral movement, a harpoon-like jab, blinding hand and foot speed, and an impeccable defense. Mugabi is flawed in the same way many young power punchers are. He doesn't know what to do when he is hurt and backing up. This will be his downfall.

COURTNEY JAMES COOK
E. LANSING, MI.

QUICK COUNT CONTROVERSY

ARE MY FRIENDS AND I THE ONLY ones who felt that referee Lobianco's count (for the final knockdown) during the Juan Meza-Jiame Garza fight was too quick? We estimated a count while looking at the replay, and man, did Lobianco's call seem even faster than Meza's fight-ending hook.

RICO MARIA ILARDE
WALNUT CREEK, CA.

PRAISE FOR A NEW CHAMP

I HAVE JUST WATCHED ONE OF best fights of 1984, the WBC lightweight title rematch between Jose Luis Ramirez and Edwin Rosario. It was like an explosion of leather. It is a tribute to the fierce pride and excellent conditioning of Ramirez that he survived Rosario's attack during the first two rounds. Rarely do we see such composure and heart as Ramirez showed. He is a worthy champion and a credit to boxing.

RICK TYRELL
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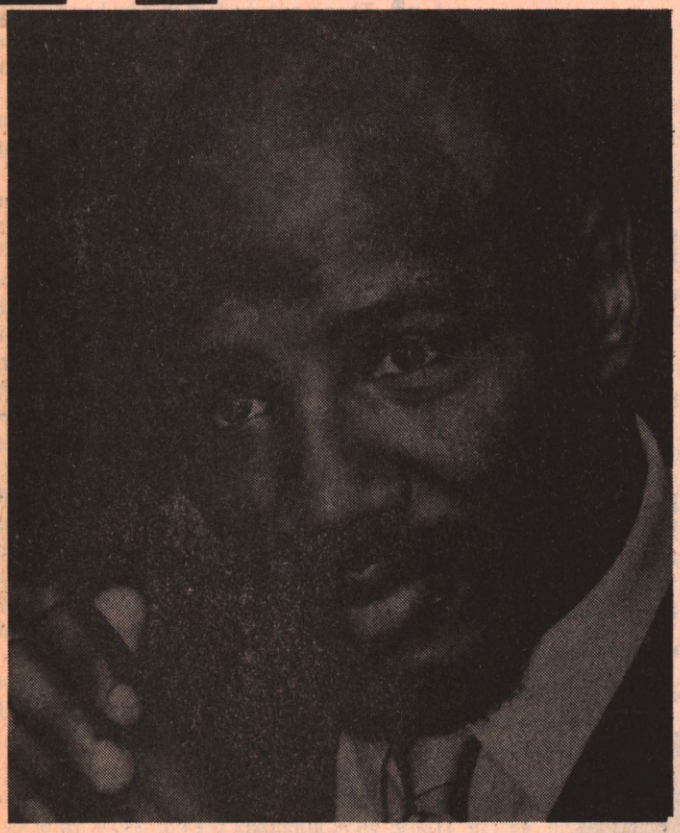
ROUND ONE

BY NIGEL COLLINS



Marvelous Marvin Hagler: doing his bit for charity.

HAGLER'S TOUGHEST OPPONENT

THE PROGRAM LOOKED OMINOUS: Hagler vs. Cancer, the "Bout of the Century." For a brief moment, we thought that the "Marvelous One" was battling for his life. But no. It turns out that the undisputed middleweight champion was only doing his bit for the "Jimmy Fund Council" of greater Boston. The "Jimmy Fund" is the primary source of private philanthropic support for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Hagler was the guest of honor at their eighth annual charity event.

The evening was highlighted by the appearance of many of boxing's best known luminaries, including current WBA welterweight champion Donald Curry, former WBA lightweight champion Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini, former world light heavyweight champion Archie Moore, and Marvin's half-brother, Robbie Sims, the New England middleweight champion.

One of the brightest moments was a stand-up comedy routine by former middleweight boss Jake LaMotta, who quipped, "This routine is lasting longer than most of my fights."

POLICE BLOTTER

ALTHOUGH IT IS NEVER PLEASING when one of the fight fraternity gets in trouble with the law, at least it's not a fighter this time. This time, it's promoter/manager Mark Stewart. Stewart may not be exactly a household name, but he's been around the Philadelphia-Atlantic City fight beat for several years now. At one time, Stewart held a promotional interest in Tim Witherspoon, and staged some of Tim's early fights at the Philadelphia Arena. Stewart also worked as a boxing consultant for the Playbody Hotel Casino. According to a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia by Jonathan H. Ganz, trustee of WMOT Enterprises Inc., Stewart obtained an interest in WMOT Enterprises "by fraud" and used it to "launder" profits from the alleged drug dealings of fugitive dentist Lawrence W. Lavin. Then, according to the lawsuit, Stewart stripped the company of its assets and threw it into bankruptcy. It all sounds like a script for a television movie. Stay tuned for further developments.

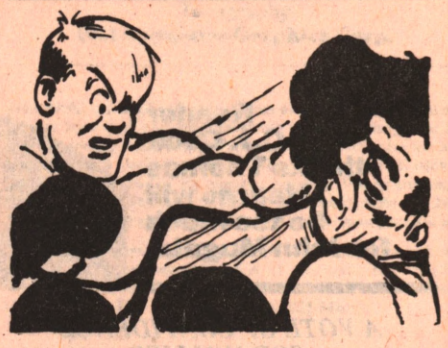
COUNTED OUT AT LAST

QUICK! WHO HELD THE HEAVYweight championship the longest? If you answered Joe Louis, you're wrong. The legendary "Brown Bomber" held the title from June 22, 1937 until March 1, 1949. Now that's an incredible reign, but nothing compared to the man we're talking about—the one and only Joe Palooka.

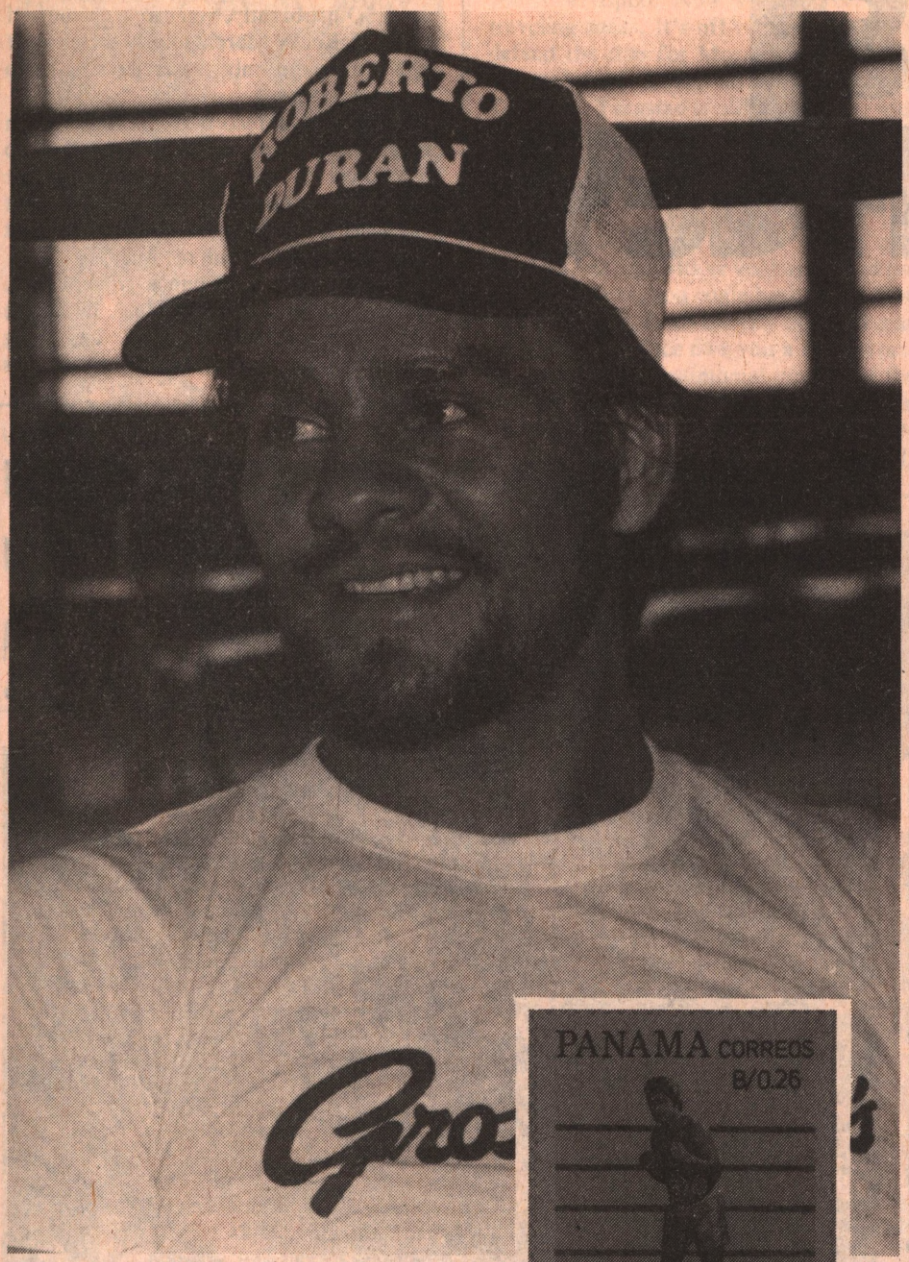
We say *held* because, following 45 years on America's comic pages, Palooka has decided to hang up his gloves and retire to his home town, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Although Joe hadn't defended his belt in years, neither the WBA nor the WBC had the guts to strip him. In the end, it was the bottom line that deprived Joe of his crown. At one point in his highly successful career, Joe was sold to 900 papers, but near the end, the number had dwindled to 182.

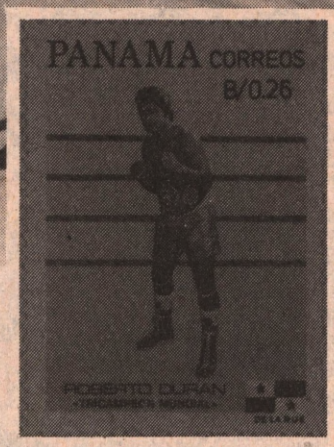
Joe won the cartoon championship in 1930 when he knocked out Jack McSwat with a crashing right hand. Over the years he defended against the likes of Big Levitcus, Ruffy Balonki, Humphry Pennyworth (who hit the canvas with such force that he shattered the ring floor and could not extricate himself in time to beat the count), Packy Derm, and Jean Bateese, the Canadian champion.

Throughout his career, Joe was managed by Knobby Walsh. In 1949, Joe married Ann Howe following a lengthy courtship that began in 1932. But then, Joe never was too quick on his feet.



The comic strip was created by Ham Fisher, but for the past 25 years, cartoonist Tony DiPreta has been the artist in charge of Joe. Although the fighter will be taking life easy from now on, the 63-year-old DiPreta will turn his pen to another strip, *Rex Morgan, M.D.* Although our memory doesn't go back quite as far as Palooka's career, we don't think Dr. Morgan ever worked as Joe's cutman.





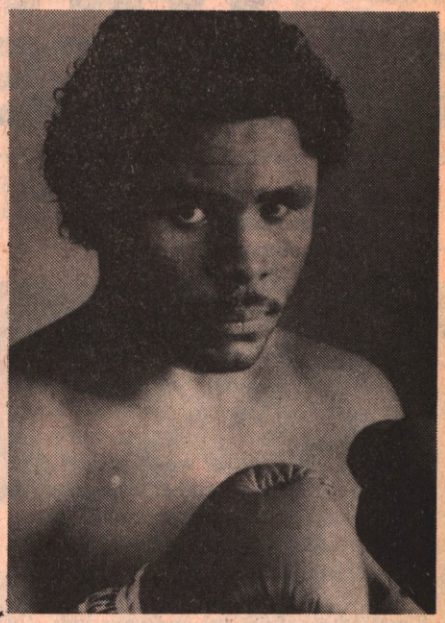
Roberto Duran: new honor for the retired triple champion.

THE STAMP OF GREATNESS

UNTIL RECENTLY, THE NAME ROBERto Duran struck fear in the hearts of practically every fighter between 135 and 154 pounds. Duran was a triple champion and a demon in the ring. But now, every man, woman, or child with a few pesos in their pocket can lick Robert Duran. You see, the Panamanian government has just issued a postage stamp honoring that country's most celebrated boxer. Roberto is shown in a full-length fighting pose in living color. The only problem is that the picture of Duran used as a model for the stamp is one from the latter part of his career. Duran appears as he did as a junior middleweight, puffy of face and carrying a tad too much weight. Oh well, we mustn't be picky. It's great to see a country pay tribute to a fighter in this manner. Maybe the United States could follow suit and glorify some of our great fighters the same way. We suggest Joe Louis as a good place to start.

A STAB IN THE DARK

MAYBE IT'S A CASE OF THE SINS of the father being visited upon the son, but, for whatever reason, Carl King, the son of Don, was stabbed in the leg by an unknown assailant in San Juan. It seems that Carl was jogging back to the dressing room following the Azuham Nelson-Wilfredo Gomez fight when he "felt something" in his left thigh and saw that he was bleeding. Carl was treated in a nearby hotel, the wound apparently not a serious one. The "Ring Detective" has been out of action for a number of years, but when contacted at his retirement villa on the French Riviera, he told us that he figures it was just an irate Gomez fan, upset at Carl because his dad's fighter (Nelson) has just knocked out the local hero.



Greg Page: the new WBA heavyweight boss.

PUNCHLINES

A STILL SILVER-TONGUED MUHAMmad Ali, answering those who say he stayed around too long: "I was trying to win the title for the fourth time. Astronauts died trying to reach the moon."

SUPER EXCITING WBA WELTERweight champion Donald Curry, when asked what he did when he wasn't boxing: "Sleep. I don't do anything. I just hang around the house."

NEW WBA HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMpion Greg Page, when informed that the last round of his title-winning bout with Gerrie Coetzee had gone almost four minutes: "That's okay, man. I trained for five-minute rounds." □

MICHAEL MARLEY AT LARGE

Larry Holmes, Chief Executive Officer
Larry Holmes Enterprises
413 Northampton Street
Easton, Pa. 18042

Dear Larry:

Surely you jest. Surely you were not—absolutely not—on the square with your post-Thanksgiving outburst about retiring very shortly. Say it ain't so, Lawrence. Say you won't really use plodding David Bey's rather large head for jabbing practice and then pack it in.

Your ring diet of late has been filled with turkeys but that can't be it. Perhaps it was an overdose of real turkey at your holiday dinner with wife Diane and your kids. I'd like to believe it was indigestion which led you to make those rash remarks.

"Everybody is pulling on me," you said. ". . . After 16 years of boxing and having a successful career, you don't want to involve yourself in things not coming down right. You don't want to leave a bad taste in people's mouths. Instead of hurting anybody, I'm just getting out."

I know your sloppy performance against novice Bonecrusher Smith must weigh heavily on your mind, Champ. But you are missing the whole point. In fact, you're so far from the mark—from what your game plan should be—that you would require radar just to point you in the right direction.

You would need such aid if you couldn't count on your old pal. But consider yourself Mr. Lucky. Count another blessing in your life. For the mere cover price of admission to *The Ring*, I'm going to outline the most proper and fitting way for you to bow out of boxing. There are three key factors for you to consider. Two are your health and your ring legacy. Wealth is a less important angle because your frugal lifestyle has already assured you and your loved ones of comfortable lives.

And the number you must zero in on is 50-0. That is what the bottom line in *The Ring Record Book* must be under your name. Quite bluntly, you owe it to yourself to break Rocky Marciano's 49-0 record. If you don't, the only disservice will be to Larry Holmes.

"Marciano's record does not mean a great deal," you said. "Maybe it is to promoters to sell Larry Holmes or the fight. The important thing is that I don't get hurt, and I don't hurt anyone. I'm not in the business to break records."

Gag me with a 14-ounce glove, Larry. Let's get down to the real deal. Is this the same Larry Holmes who has long bemoaned the fact that dwelling in Ali's

Larry Holmes shows the heavy bag no mercy.

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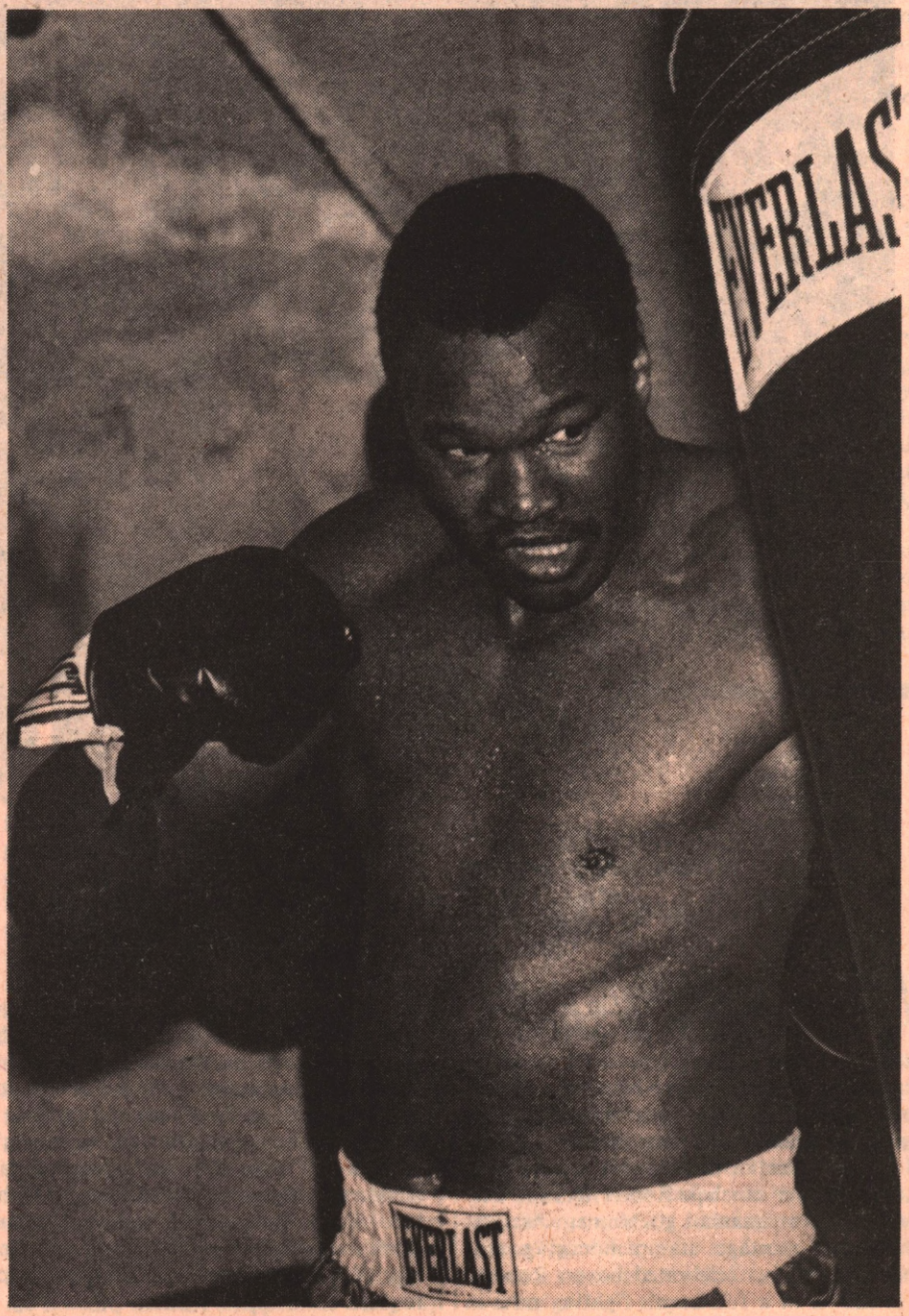

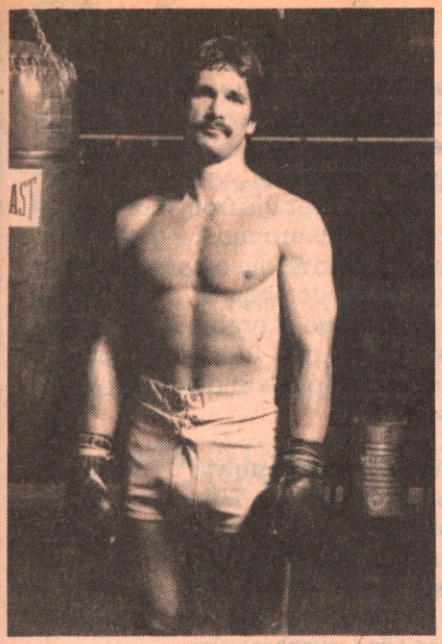

Columnist Marley thinks Gordie Racette would be perfect for Holmes' 49th victory. Wonder what Gordie thinks?

shadow has caused him to receive less than his just due from critics? Is this the guy who once said, "They don't give me the credit but they gotta give me the cash"?

I've got more news for you, Big Guy. If you erase Marciano's record, which was built up mainly against guys who would make your most strident critics yearn for the likes of Lorenzo Zanon, Tex Cobb and Marvis Frazier, your stature goes way beond being the second heavyweight champ to retire with an undefeated record. Believe me, I checked this out with *The Ring*'s Herb Goldman. Goldman's idea of a wild evening is pouring over old Everlast Record Books with a magnifying glass. I think Herb knows more about 19th century fighters than Pierce Egan did.

What's the point? Well, according to Herb and other statistical mavens, a 50-0 record would wipe out Marciano's record and also establish you as only the second post-1900 world champ in any weight class to retire with an unblemished record. Stats usually bore me but that is a mind-boggling historical note which adds a high gloss to your ring achievements. Moreover, fair historians—including yours truly—have already placed you above Marciano in terms of ability and accomplishment.

Convinced yet, Larry? Step down, next case. No, first let me briefly explain how you can attain 50-0 without getting your brains scrambled. Keep in mind that the size of your final three purses is not a big deal. Pocket change will suffice as the end justifies the means.

You hand Bey a boxing lesson and you're 47-zippo. Now you put on your traveling shoes. It's off to Copenhagen to defend the title for Mogens Palle against his awkward European champ Steffen Tangstad. Tangstad couldn't hurt you with a Louisville Slugger in hand. He's perfect. He has two left feet. He makes Tex Cobb look like Mikhail Baryshnikov. Bingo, you're 48-0.

After having had a few laughs and maybe a few aquavits or vodkas around the Tivoli Gardens, you come back home. The way I figure it, both the city of Las Vegas and Caesars Palace owe you a few favors. So, instead of a testimonial dinner, let the Caesars execs and the city fathers pay for a title defense against, let's say, the inept Gordie Racette. If Vegas isn't interested, you might wander to Racette's hometown of Vancouver. Another duck, yes, but you're entitled. Now you've tied The Rock.

Where to wind it up? It's got to be either Easton or Scranton. If no one rushes forward to pick up the tab for this one, you can afford it. A suitable soft touch might be the Fighting Postman, Barry Funches. Funches. It rhymes with punches in bunches. Funches could get a pleasing payday and retire also. He's totally safe. He cannot lick a stamp.

You've made it, Larry. The Big Five-0. Instead of being what's his face, the guy who came after Ali, your place in ring history is secure. And so is your health and pocketbook.

Do it, pal. Do it for Larry Holmes. □

Rocky Marciano shows the form that carried him to an unblemished 49-0 career record. (The Ring Archives)

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THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

Do you think Larry Holmes is over the hill and should retire before he loses his unbeaten record?

The Greatest has no advise for Holmes.

CHARLIE SPINA (Retired boxer and *Ring* columnist):

I think Holmes has had it. He's up in years and has been through the mill. He's fighting nobodies and still looking bad. From now on he's gonna get cut up and banged around. He should quit now before he gets like Muhammad Ali.

Larry Holmes pulls away from this left thrown by 'Bonecrusher' Smith, but he was tagged by enough shots to make many feel the champ should hang up his glove.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

DICK YOUNG (*New York Post* columnist):

Bleeding eyes, broken thumbs, wobbling legs. That's what being 35 is all about. Thirty-five is no age to be in the ring getting punched. If retiring undefeated is important to Larry Holmes, then he should retire now. The next decent fighter he fights will beat him.

HERBERT MUHAMMAD (Muhammad Ali's former manager):

Larry is finished. His legs are gone.

MUHAMMAD ALI (The Greatest):

I can't advise anybody to retire, because I didn't.

DR. FERDIE PACHECO (NBC-TV's Fight Doctor):

Larry is borderline over the hill. He should definitely retire and forget about meaningless records. They are of no comfort in your old age when you can't talk straight.

ANGELO DUNDEE (Manager-trainer extraordinaire):

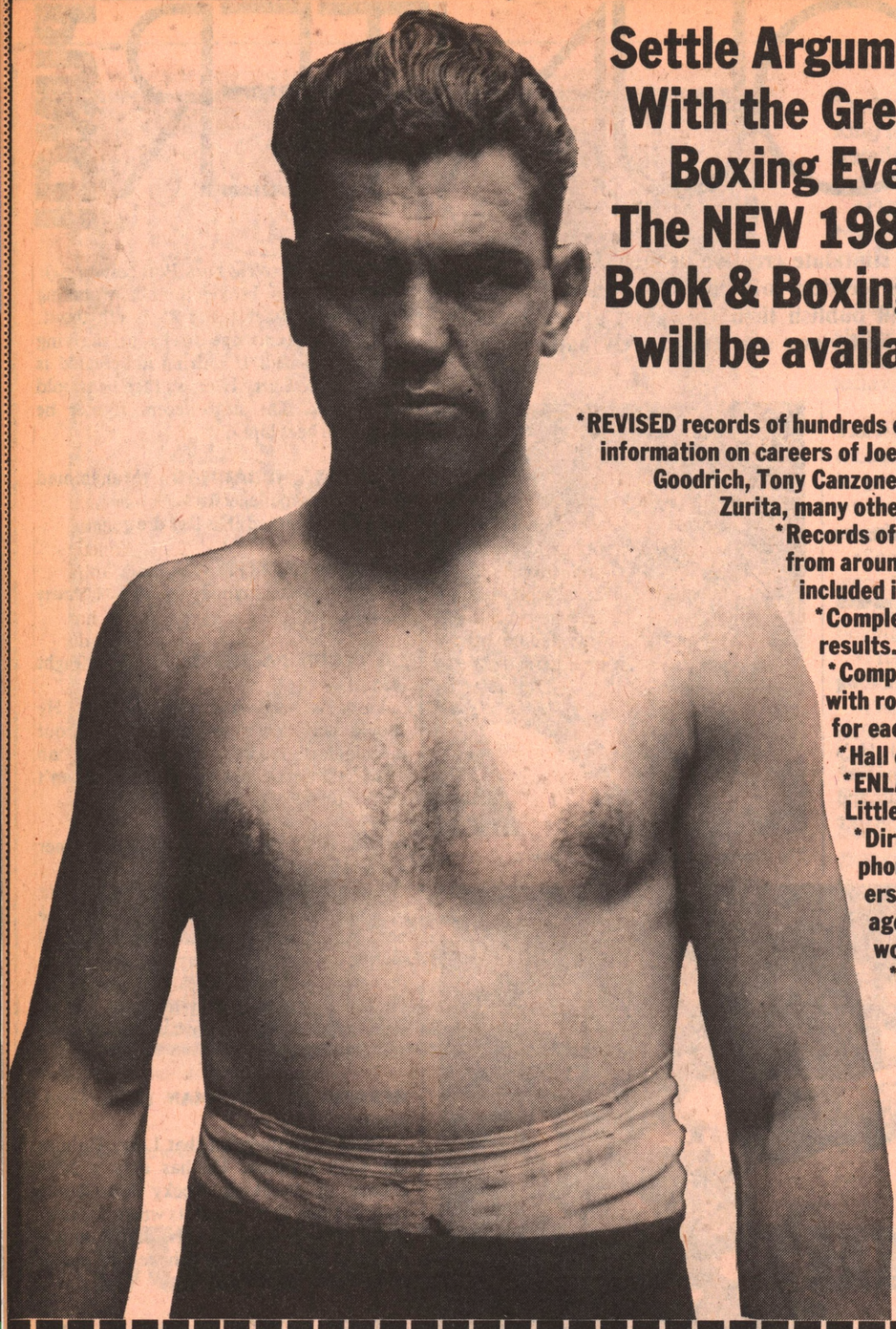
I wouldn't say Larry is over the hill, but he's not the same Larry Holmes as in the past. All fighters have good nights and bad nights, but right now, Larry is having more bad nights than good ones. But I would be the last guy to tell Larry to retire. He's a class guy and he'll know when the time comes to quit.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN (Solid Goldman):

There is no question that Larry Holmes has been slipping. He has only a 50% chance of breaking Rocky Marciano's record. I just don't think its worth the risk. If Larry quits now, he'll have all the money he needs and he'll also have his brains intact.

GEORGE BENTON (Trainer of Tyrell Biggs, Rocky Lockridge and others):

Each fight Larry looks worse. Bonecrusher Smith was just a strong guy who came to fight. Anytime you have trouble with that kind of opponent, it's time to think about getting out. I don't think ring rust had anything to do with Holmes' showing with Smith. It was 100% age. I can't knock Larry because he's been a great champion, but his time is running out.



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WHO'S HOT

MUHAMMAD ALI

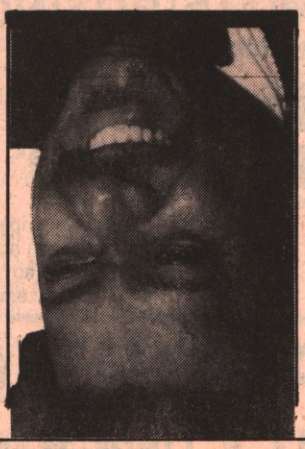
THE GREATEST HAS HAD HIS PROBLEMS OF LATE (PARkinson's Syndrome symptoms, etc.), but he seems to have bounced back rather well for a guy who many claimed had one foot in the grave. Ali was in the Big Apple recently to accept the Rocky Marciano Memorial Award from the Downtown Atheltic Club. He fielded questions from the press with much of his old verve and came up with a number of sharp one-liners. Muhammad also found time to defend boxing. Ali may have slowed down a bit, but, in the hearts of true boxing fans everywhere, he'll always be hot. □

WHO'S HOT

JOSE TORRES

IT'S ALWAYS PLEASANT WHEN ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS IN this racket is rewarded. The good guy in this case is former light heavyweight champion Jose Torres, who was recently appointed to the top spot on the New York State Athletic Commission. Torres will replace outgoing chairman John Branca, who resigned to run for mayor of Mount Vernon, N.Y. Jose, who penned a few articles for this magazine in the past, has always had boxing's best interests at heart and we're sure he'll do a great job at his new post. □

WHO'S NOT



DON KING

REMEMBER WHEN DON KING USED TO CALL BOB ARUM "THE Apostle of Apartheid" because Arum staged fights in South Africa? King was even (until recently) on the board of directors of an organization called Artists and Athletes Against Apartheid. All of this changed drastically when Don sold his promotional rights to Gerrie Coetzee, so that the WBA heavyweight champion could defend his title—you guessed it—in South Africa. Maybe Larry Holmes put it best when he said: "The man is a hypocrite." □

WHO'S NOT

MICHAEL SPINKS

THIS SHOULD NOT BE MISCONSTRUED AS A KNOCK AT THE light heavyweight champion. Michael is a helluva nice guy and a fine fighter, but his once hot career is now practically frozen solid. We all recall how poor Mike lost big paydays when Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and Dwight Qawi pulled out of title bouts at the last minute. Now it looks like another monster purse has also gone down the tubes. Negotiations for a match with Larry Holmes turned sour when Larry announced he was taking one more fight (against David Bey) and then retiring. But Michael shouldn't fret too much. Holmes has been known to change his mind before. □

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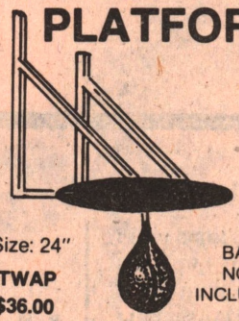

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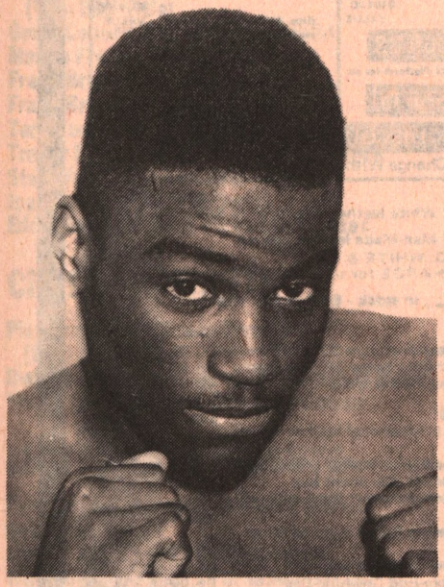

FROM "BONECRUSHER" TO "VAMpire," nearly every fighter who steps into the ring nowadays carries a moniker along with him. But few are as appropriate as Mike Mungin's.

The 19-year-old junior welterweight from Mt. Royal, New Jersey, calls himself "Machine Gun." Thus far, he has lived up to his billing. From the opening bell, Mungin comes out with both guns blazing. The results?—16 fights, 16 wins, 12 knockouts.

Manager Bob Botto took his latest protege on the road to start his career, but Mungin showed no signs of being homesick, knocking out Billy Doyle in one round of his pro debut in Indianapolis April 12, 1983. Since then, he has recorded five more wins in Indiana, one in St. Louis and nine in Atlantic City. At the same time, he has become a fan favorite on ESPN.

One fight took care of that. On Janaury 13, 1984, Mungin started the year with an ESPN knockout of Hector Frazier, who fights under the tag "Smokin' Joe" Frazier, Jr. Although the scheduled six-rounder lasted just three, it set a standard the television network would find hard to top or even duplicate the remainder of the year.

Most teenagers would have been frozen in awe just getting into the same ring with the Frazier clan, which included "Papa Joe" leering over his young son's shoulder. But Mungin remained undaunted, knocking down Frazier in the opening round. However, Hector came back to deck Mungin before the frame ended, and most ringside observers believed that would be the end of the trail for the upstart "Machine Gun."

But in the second round, Mungin boxed smartly, staying out of Frazier's reach. He then took the also-unbeaten Frazier apart in the third.

After the win, Botto proclaimed Mungin a "can't miss champion of the future," and relayed a story told as only the colorful, cigar-smoking former manager of bantamweight contender Johnny Carter could relate.

"The night Johnny lost his title shot against Jeff Chandler, Mike came into my bedroom," recalled Botto. "It was about midnight, and he was crying. He told me, 'Johnny let you down. Someday, I'll make it up to you. I'll win a world championship for you.' He hadn't even turned pro yet, but that shows you the kind of kid he is.

"As soon as he turned 18, he called me," Botto added. "I knew I had a good fighter, possibly a great fighter, when he fought Tony Taylor (August 12, 1983). Taylor was a seasoned pro and Mike handled him easily."

After the Frazier win, nothing has come that easy for Mungin, but no one can deny his ability as a crowd-pleaser. His two-round stoppage of Ozzie O'Neal was a miniature war and the knockouts of Mysterious Billy Smith and O.C. Harper that followed were much the same. Mungin comes to punch, and he gets punched in return.

But, as Botto pointed out, "Great baseball teams get behind by three runs, then come back to win by four. Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Larry Holmes, they all got knocked down and came back to win. A lot of great fighters have gotten knocked down."

Mungin didn't go down his last time out. But he also failed to stop an opponent for the first time in nine fights. Journeyman switch-hitter Kenny Willis of Bridgeport, Connecticut, was the opposition. Willis' 6-9-6 record with just one knockout appeared unimposing, but previous to the Mungin fight he had handed Keith Stevenson his first loss, proving to be a shifty opponent.

Mungin struggled, needing a big last round to win a majority decision. Few knew that he had been in the hospital with a virus just three days before the fight and that Botto had come close to pulling him off the card.

"I had seen Willis fight and I didn't think he had the power to hurt Mike," said Botto. "Even so, I wouldn't have let him fight if he hadn't wanted to. But after I took him to the hospital, he was back in the gym and he said he felt good enough to go ahead. But I'll never take that chance again. If he's not 100 percent, he won't go into the ring."

Mungin refused to alibi, saying, "I didn't feel weak, but I wasn't 100 percent. I thought I put on a good performance, which I always do."

Botto, moving his charge along slowly, now feels Mungin is ready for eight-rounders. Before the end of 1985, Mungin may find himself in a major draw against Gregg Edelman, a South Jersey rival who is also undefeated. The drums have been beating for a showdown.

The night Mungin defeated Willis, Edelman plastered Kato Wilson in one round, perhaps his most impressive victory.

"That's great," said Mungin. "I like Gregg a lot, and people are talking about the two of us. As long as people are talking about us, we're both doing good. We're two champions of the future."

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF MIKE MUNGIN

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1983		
Apr. 12	Billy Doyle	Indianapolis	KO 1
May 10	Kenny Willis	Indianapolis	KO 2
May 14	Ken Russell	St. Louis	KO 1
July 21	Bobby Francis	Atlantic City	W 4
Aug. 12	Tony Taylor	Indianapolis	W 4
Sept. 7	Pete Podgorski	Hammond, IN	KO 3
Oct. 6	William Hill	Atlantic City	W 4
Nov. 10	Billy Evans	Terre Haute, IN	KO 2
Dec. 15	Andre Boyer	Atlantic City	KO 2
	1984		
Jan. 13	Joe Frazier, Jr.	Atlantic City	KO 3
Apr. 5	Ozzie O'Neal	Atlantic City	KO 2
May 3	Billy Smith	Atlantic City	KO 1
June 6	OC Harper	Atlantic City	KO 2
Aug 16	Don Terrell	Merrillville, IN	KO 6
Sept. 5	Darrel Mitchell	Atlantic City	KO 2
Nov. 14	Kenny Willis	Atlantic City	W 6

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
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Dennis Cruz (right) lands a right to the head of Guy Villegas on his way to a sixth round TKO for the NABF junior lightweight crown in Atlantic City.

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Bernard Taylor W10 Pedro Montero
Marcos Villasana KO9 Antonio De La Paz
Irving Mitchell W10 J.T. Walker
Andres Tena KO6 Tony Coleman
Myron Taylor KO8 Jeff Whaley
Tommy Cordova D12 Rocky Garcia
(Retained ESPN Title)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Mike Ayala KO6 Rodolfo Martinez
Ricky Rogers KO3 Raymundo Nino

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Freddy Jackson W10 Arnal Arrezol
Hurley Snead KO2 Alfred Rangel
Steve McCrory W6 Sonny Long
Frankie Duarte W10 Carlos Canchola

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jiro Watanabe KO11 Payao Poontarat
(Retained WBC Title)
Koji Kobayashi W10 Kap-Dong Park

FLYWEIGHTS

Santos Laciar W15 Hilario Zapata
(Retained WBA Title)
Koji Nishikawa KO3 Masaharu Iha
Kenbun Taiho W10 Kenji Ono

SOLID GOLD MAN

by Herbert G. Goldman

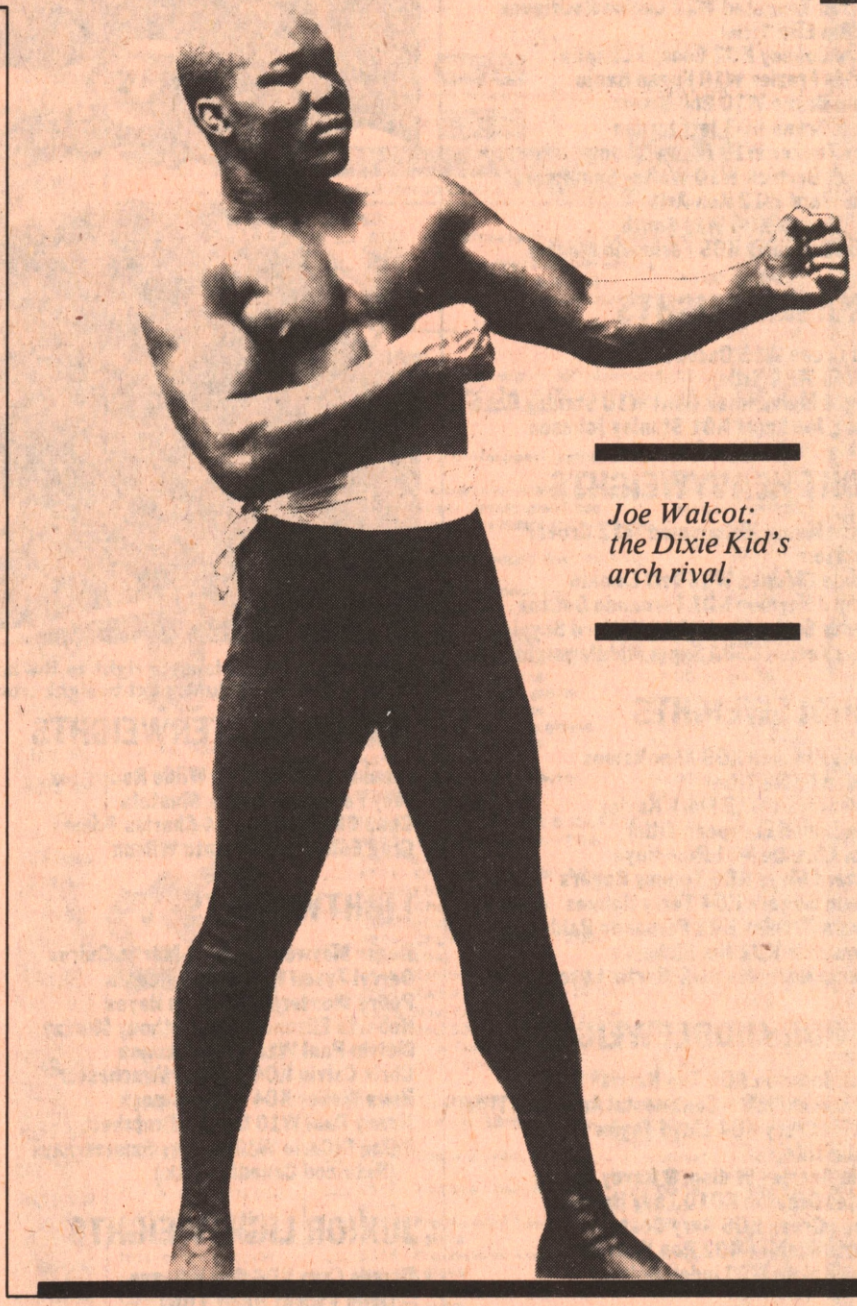
CERTAIN OF THE OLD-TIME CHAMPS have had the salient features of their boxing careers worked to death in print. Most fans have probably had their full of reading about Bob Fitzsimmons' "solar plexus" punch kayo of Jim Corbett in 1897. At the same time, there are many, many champs and near champs of the long ago who deserve their time in the spotlight.

Take the Dixie Kid, perhaps the strangest, most elusive title holder of the gloved era. Few remember anything about his fighting style, his life outside the ring, and even the dates of his reign as world welterweight champion are open to dispute.

The Dixie Kid was born Aaron Lister Brown in Fulton, Missouri, on December 23, 1883. When, or why, he first went to California is unknown, but it was in the Golden State that Brown began his professional boxing career in 1899. The ring name "Dixie Kid" seemed almost a natural in an era when most blacks still lived in—and were popularly identified with—the South.

The Kid stood 5'8"—a little tall for a welter in those days when most fighters still leaned toward the barrel-chested type personified by heavyweight Tom Sharkey. Far more interesting, however, was his method of defense. "Dixie Kid blocked few blows," Nat Fleischer wrote a few years after the Kid's death in 1934. "He depended largely on backing away or side-stepping punches. He fought with his hands well down at his sides in seemingly unprotected fashion, and was a counter puncher par excellence. His favorite punch was a short right hand uppercut which he would quickly follow through with a left hook for the head. It was a blow that the Kid had down to a positive science and of which he was duly proud.

"While in action, he would stick out his head inviting an open target for an opponent to lead, and, as he would step away from his adversary, who would fall off balance trying to connect with the punch, the Dixie Kid would bring up his vaunted right hand uppercut."



Joe Walcot: the Dixie Kid's arch rival.

One of the greatest ironies in boxing history is that young Cassius Clay was often criticized for slipping back from punches by many of the same men who thought Jim Corbett was the consummate master of defense. Films, however, show that Corbett drew away from far more punches than he ducked—and not nearly with the same speed or finesse of Clay/Ali. (Where Corbett would draw back on his right foot, Ali would just move his head.) But only one champ before Ali fought with his hands completely down, and that was Dixie Kid.

The Dixie Kid won the world welterweight title when defending champ Joe Walcott (who stood only 5'1½") was ruled out for delivering a fussilade of body punches that went just "south of the border." The referee, an inexperienced man known as James (Duck) Sullivan, was punched in the mouth just minutes later by the celebrated Tom O'Rourke, the manager of Walcott. Sullivan lost several teeth as a result, and never worked another title bout.

A modest Dixie Kid bares all for the press in a rare photo from the collection of Jimmy Jacobs.

A dapper looking Dixie Kid at the Jockeys vs. Variety Artists Football Match in 1914.

That was on April 29, 1904 in San Francisco. Many record books insist there was a second meeting between Walcott and the Kid (a draw) 13 days later, but no contemporary evidence of such a contest has been found. The Kid engaged in several non-title fights over the next 10 months, and then dropped out of sight until 1908, as far as the various reference works are concerned. The fact is that the Dixie Kid was convicted of a crime and went to prison for three years. What crime he committed has remained a mystery, but, in 1906, while Dixie was in prison, Walcott reclaimed the welter title.

Joe himself had been inactive in 1905 due to an accident involving a pistol. (Walcott shot himself through the right hand while showing the gun to a friend, who died when the slug passed through Joe's palm and struck him in the chest.) Walcott, understandably not the same fighter he had been before, was outscored by the youthful Honey Mellody, who claimed the title.

Dixie Kid emerged from prison in mid-1908, still proclaiming himself champion, a claim he did not lose entirely until 1912, when Henry Besterman, a New York Jew who fought under the name Harry Lewis, knocked him out in the eighth round in Liverpool, England. The record books say that the Kid's last contest was in 1914, but Dixie Kid was active on the continent until March 14, 1920, when he was outpointed by Paul Buisson in Marseilles.

The Kid was one of the most brainy champions of all-time, and was granted a few patents in the 1920s. His death, at the age of 50 on April 6, 1934, was due to a dependence on drugs that had long sapped his money, and, at times, his self respect. At the end, he fell, jumped, or was pushed out of a tenement window in Los Angeles, and only a collection started by some boxing writers saved him from a pauper's burial in Potter's Field.

PRIOR TO HIS DEFENSE AGAINST James (Bonecrusher) Smith, current world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes attempted to blight the memory of the late Rocky Marciano. Holmes claimed that Marciano's 49-0 career record was tainted, as Rocky had actually fought his brother on a few occasions. The basis for this inacurrate statement is the fact that Rocky did, indeed, box one of his brothers on at least two occasions in *exhibition* bouts when Marciano's scheduled opponents failed to appear. These, however, are not part of Rocky's 49-0 career pro record. □

THE LIGHTWEIGHTS: BOXING'S HOT DIVISION

The Ring Rates The Lightweights In An Effort To Determine The Best Fighter In The Scintillating 135-Pound Weight Class

BY NIGEL COLLINS

SINCE ROBERTO DURAN RELINQUISHED his lightweight title after 12 successful defenses in February of 1979, there have been a total of 14 different claimants to the 135-pound crown. None of them have been able to keep the title for more than four successful defenses. Even future Hall-of-Famer Alexis Arguello and popular hero Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini haven't been able to surpass that modest figure. At the present time, there are more talented fighters among the lightweights than in any other division in boxing. But it is a rare case of too many Indians and no chief. At the present, *The Ring* does not recognize a lightweight champion, feeling that no clear cut lineage has been established since Alexis Arguello gave up the belt to campaign as a junior welterweight.

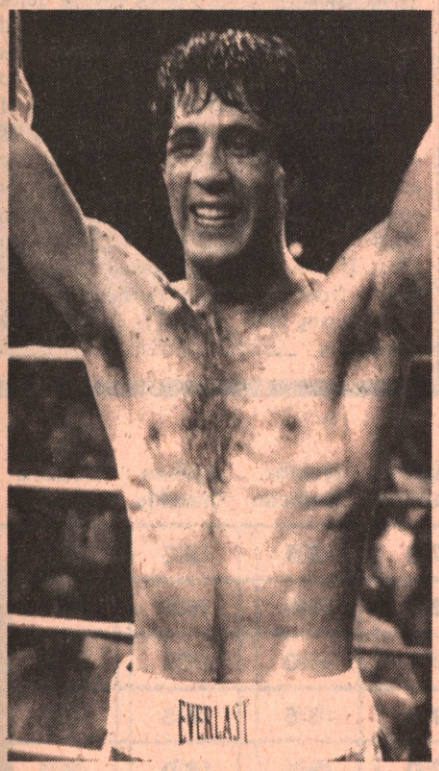
As the new year dawns, WBA boss Livingstone Bramble and Mancini are due to renew hostilities, while WBC titleholder Jose Luis Ramirez prepares to make his first defense. Waiting in the wings are a host of worthy challengers eager to stake their claims to the crown. With the pack so closely bunched, it is practically impossible to pick the ultimate winner. In an effort to clarify the situation, *The Ring* presents a chart, listing 15 of the best lightweights currently in contention for the world title. Each fighter is evaluated according to his strengths and weaknesses and given an overall score. Accompanying the chart are thumbnail sketches of the fighters rated. We don't pretend to know who will eventually emerge as the next dominant figure in the division, but we hope that this feature will give a clear picture of who's who.

JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ

FLOORED IN BOTH THE FIRST AND second rounds, Jose Luis Ramirez staged one of the most astonishing comebacks in recent history, twice climbing off the canvas to rally back and win the WBC title with a fourth round technical knockout over Edwin Rosario. Ramirez, a come-to-fight slugger in the true Mexican tradition, almost beat Rosario for the vacant crown in their first meeting, but a strong stretch drive wasn't quite enough to sway the judges. Although he's only 25, Ramirez has been around a long time. He lost a 10-round decision to the great Alexis Arguello back in 1980, knocking Alexis down in the process. The only real blot on Jose's record was his listless performance against Ray Mancini in 1981. Although it is no disgrace to be outpointed by Mancini, Ramirez fought as if he was wearing handcuffs, seldom punching back, and allowing Boom Boom to bully him all over the ring. This seems very strange in light of the fact that he has given 110% in every other fight. The new WBC champion is easy to hit, hard to hurt, and practically impossible to discourage. He has an explosive punch and tons of experience. Providing he doesn't suffer any more lapses like the Mancini fight, Ramirez could be on top for some time to come. Overall record: 89-4, 74 knockouts.

HARRY ARROYO

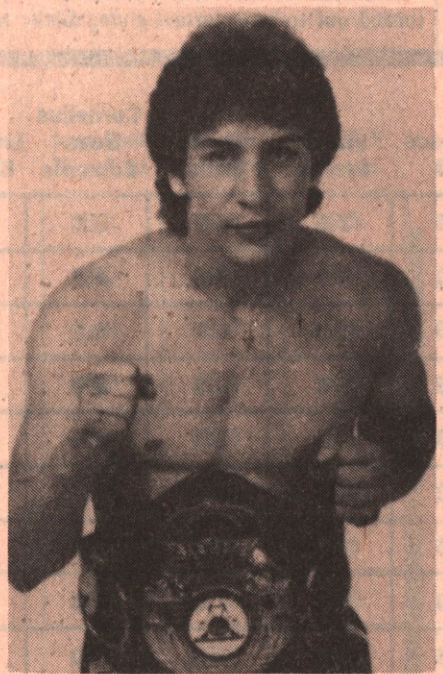
ALTHOUGH THE IBF (INTERNATIONAL Boxing Federation) has a lot of cheese champions, especially in the lighter weight classes, 135-pound boss Harry Arroyo is not one of them. In fact, Arroyo just might be the dark horse candidate to rise to the top of the lightweight derby. Harry first made the boxing public sit up and take notice when he upset Robin Blake by decision in a nationally televised bout in Atlantic City. But his big break came when Cornelius Boza-Edwards came down with the flu and had to pull out of a scheduled match with Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown for Brown's IBF title. Arroyo was delighted to fill in for the ailing Boza, and



stopped Brown in the 14th round to win the title. In his first defense, Arroyo turned back the challenge of the "other" Charlie Brown; the one they call "White Lightning." It was another outstanding performance, with Harry staying cool under early fire and then coming on strong for a stoppage in the eighth round. Staying cool seems to be Harry's forte. He boxes in a very relaxed fashion, looking to counter, and when he sees an opening, Arroyo opens up with a pin-point flurry that seldom misses the target. He's still hungry, hard to hit with a solid shot and punches with enough authority to take care of himself with anyone in the division. Given the opportunity, Arroyo could really come into his own in 1985. Overall record: 25-0, 19 knockouts.

RAY MANCINI

HERE IS ONE FIGHTER WHO REALLY needs no introduction. Even those among us with only a passing interest in the "sweet science" know all about "Boom Boom," the All-American kid who battled his way into the hearts of the nation with his soap opera life story and do-or-die style of combat. Needless to say, 1984 was not a good year for Ray. He met his Waterloo in Buffalo when Livingstone Bramble beat the tar out of him and lifted the WBA lightweight belt with a brutal 14th round knockout. Although Mancini is used to absorbing punishment (even in victory), the thrashing he took from Bramble prompted many well-meaning observers to urge Ray to retire. Nobody wants to see such a nice guy end up walking on his heels. Nevertheless, following a battery of medical tests, Mancini decided to fight on. A scheduled comeback bout with Kenny Bogner was cancelled at the last minute due to a cut eye that Ray suffered in training. As we go to press, manager Dave Wolf informed *The Ring* that a rematch with Bramble will be coming early this season. Mancini's penchant for fielding punches with his face and cut-prone eyebrows make



him an underdog, but if desire alone can win a fight, Ray might just spring a surprise. If he loses to Bramble again, Ray will be considered little more than a media creation who cashed in on his white skin and pleasing personality. If he regains the crown, he could possibly go on to be one of the greats. Even after five years as a pro, the jury is still out on Ray Mancini. Overall record: 29-2, 23 knockouts.

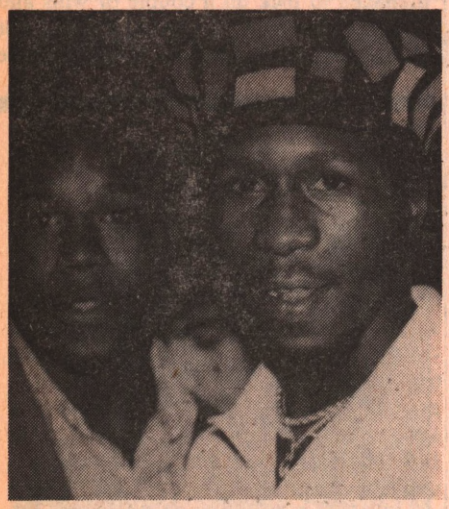
HECTOR CAMACHO

WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT THE IRrepressible "Macho Man" that hasn't already been said? With all of his God given talent, Hector Camacho should be a triple champion before his career is over. The trouble is, his career was practically on hold for the latter part of 1984. He relinquished the WBC junior lightweight title he won from Bazooka Limon after only one defense (a fifth round knockout over Rafael Solis) to campaign as a full-fledged lightweight. Since then, Hector managed to pick up a couple of wins and minor paydays at his new weight, but quickly slipped into limbo, failing to make

a start after stopping Rafael Williams in seven this past May. Much of Camacho's inactivity has been caused by contractual hassles. Hector has been openly feuding with long-time manager Billy Giles and swears he won't fight again until their contract expires. Camacho is a naturally gifted athlete, and his charismatic personality has made him well known to even casual boxing fans. Right now, the sport needs all the stars it can get. Love him, or hate him, Camacho has that star quality. Maybe 1985 will be the year he finally lives up to his unlimited potential. Overall record: 24-0, 14 knockouts.

LIVINGSTONE BRAMBLE

SUPREME CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF is the mark of every great fighter. In that respect, at least, WBA lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble is a great. His upset knockout over Ray Mancini was no upset to Bramble. According to promoter Dan Duva, Livingstone figured he was champ the moment the contract was signed. Many, blinded by the aura of popularity that surrounds Mancini, thought their fight was a close one until the time Ray was rescued by the referee. Even the official scorecards reflected this attitude. But if the truth be known, Bramble took Mancini apart from the opening bell and *should* have been miles ahead at the time of the stoppage. Although Bramble has experienced some difficulty with runners, he has shown plenty of smarts in the ring. He's tough, punches sharply, and has a granite chin. Providing that he can repeat his performance in the scheduled rematch with Mancini, Bramble could continue to dominate the lightweights with his Voodoo Rastaman antics and intelligent blend of boxing and punching. Overall record: 22-1-1, 14 knockouts.



ROBIN BLAKE

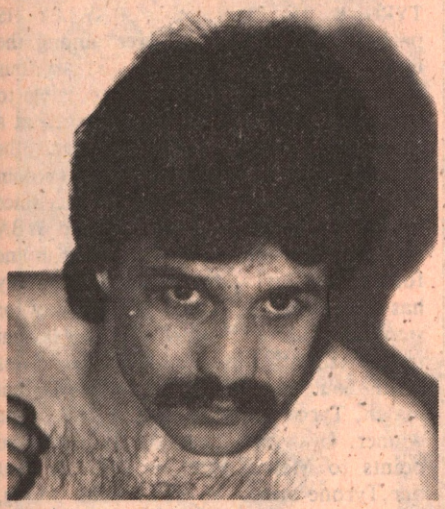
IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY when Robin Blake was blazing a trail through the lightweight division that looked like it was taking him directly to the title. Respected fighters such as Melvin Paul, Ruben Munoz, and Tony Baltazar fell under the flashing fist of this bright new star from Texas. For a while, it seemed that Blake could do no wrong. Then Philadelphia switch hitter Tyrone Crawley turned out to be a tartar, giving Blake a boxing lesson, and taking the decision before Robin's startled hometown fans. Blake tried to bounce back with a quick win over Harry Arroyo, but that turned into another disaster and Robin was outpointed once again. Since the loss to Arroyo, Robin has taken on a string of modest opponents and is trying to work his way back into contention. He's too young and too talented to write off after only a couple of losses, but if Blake is ever to rekindle the old flame, it has better be in 1985. If ever a fighter seemed to be suffering from premature burnout, it was Blake during 1984. Overall record: 23-2, 17 knockouts.

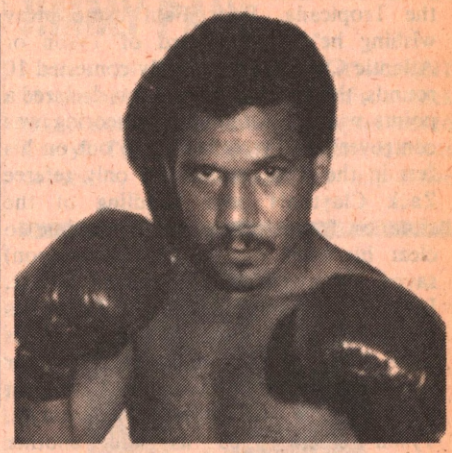
	Terrance Alli	Harry Arroyo	Robin Blake	Cornelius Boza-Edwards	Livingstone Bramble	Hector Comacho	Tyrone Crawley	Howard Davis
DEFENSE	6.5	7.5	6.5	5.0	7.0	8.5	8.5	8.0
DETERMINATION	7.0	7.5	7.0	8.5	8.5	6.0	6.5	6.5
DURABILITY	7.0	7.0	6.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	7.0
EXPERIENCE	6.5	6.5	6.5	8.0	7.0	6.5	6.5	7.0
HAND SPEED	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	8.5	8.0	8.0
JAB	6.0	7.5	6.0	6.5	6.5	8.0	8.0	8.0
POWER	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.0	6.0
CUT RESISTANCE	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
STAMINA	6.5	7.0	6.5	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.5
TALENT	7.0	7.5	6.0	7.0	7.0	8.5	7.5	7.5
TOTAL	67.0	71.5	65.5	71.5	72.5	74.0	71.5	71.5

HECTOR CAMACHO-74.0; LIVINGSTONE BRAMBLE-72.5; JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ-72.0; HARRY ARROYO, TYRONE CRAWLEY, HOWARD DAVIS, CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS (TIED)-71.5; RAY MANCINI 71.0; EDWIN ROSARIO-70.5; JIMMY PAUL-67.5; TERRANCE ALLI, MELVI PAUL (TIED)-67.00; ROBIN BLAKE, NICKY FURLANO (TIED)-65.5; DARRYLL TYSON-65.0

NICKY FURLANO

UNTIL HE FOUGHT AARON PRYOR, Nicky Furlano was considered nothing more than a club fighter from Toronto who had never really lived up to expectations. Then, when Pryor came out of his premature retirement, Furlano was picked as "The Hawk's" first opponent. The match was for the IBF junior welterweight title and Nicky whipped himself into the best condition of his life. He battled Pryor the entire 15 rounds, losing the verdict but rejuvenating his career in the process. Furlano proved to himself and everyone else that he still had the ability to have a fine career. Since then, Nicky has dropped back down to the lightweight limit and scored a knockout over Rick Spencer. We need to see the "new" Furlano back in the ring with another world class adversary before making any rash predictions. But if he can maintain the level of intensity he showed against Pryor, Furlano could very well figure in the lightweight picture. Overall record: 38-9-1, 23 knockouts.





EDWIN ROSARIO

UNTIL HE LOST THE WBC TITLE TO Jose Luis Ramirez in a spectacular slugfest, Edwin Rosario was considered by many to be the best of the bunch in the talent-laden lightweight division. Edwin seemed to have it all—speed, lightning reflexes, punching power, and tremendous overall boxing skills. But after a great start, "Chapo" came unglued and crumbled under Ramirez's remarkable counter attack. Hindsight is always easy, but a closer look at Rosario's career reveals flaws that should have been apparent before his fourth round knockout loss to Ramirez. Although the Puerto Rican decisioned Ramirez for the vacant crown in their first encounter, he faded down the stretch and just managed to hang on for a split call. Edwin injured his right hand winning the title and was forced to lay off for almost a year. He returned with an easy knockout over Roberto Elizondo, but needed a last round knockdown to pull his defense against Howard Davis out of the fire. There were periods during the Davis fight in which the practically stopped fighting and let Howard steal round after round. Then again, in the loss to Ramirez, he seemed to lose heart when the rugged Mexican survived two knockdowns and fought back. Rosario certainly has the talent to regain the title, but his desire and chin have to be questioned. Overall record: 22-1, 19 knockout.

Nick Furlano	Ray Mancini	Jimmy Paul	Melvin Paul	Jose Luis Ramirez	Edwin Rosario	Darryll Tyson
6.5	5.0	6.5	7.0	5.5	6.5	6.5
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66.5	71.0	67.5	67.0	72.0	70.5	65.0

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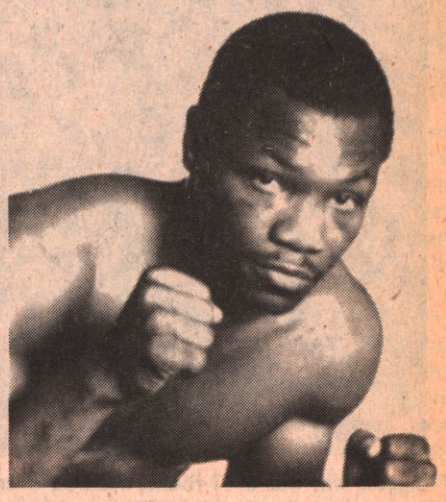


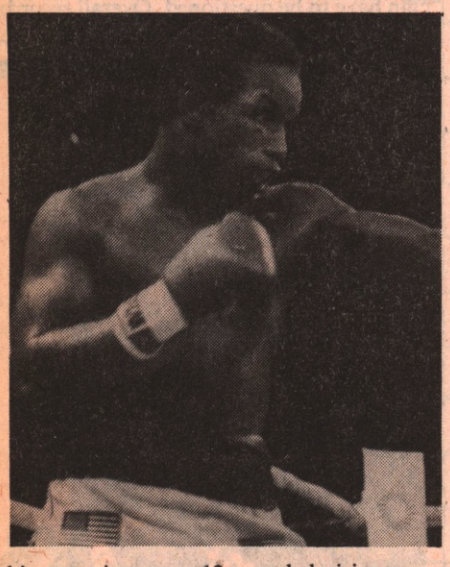
DARRYLL TYSON

WHEN USBA LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION Jimmy Paul needed a tune-up between title defenses last year, he journeyed to Atlantic City to take on unheralded Darryll Tyson at

the Tropicana. Poor Paul came away wishing he'd never heard of Tyson or Atlantic City. After a closely contested 10 rounds, the underdog Tyson was declared a points winner. Although the scoring was controversial, Tyson had Paul out on his feet in the fifth round, and only referee Zack Clayton's poor handling of the situation (reportedly giving Paul time to clear his head for no apparent reason) saved Jimmy from a knockout defeat. Inspired by his upset triumph, Tyson has responded with seven straight victories since then, gradually emerging as another young lightweight on the move. A compact boxer-puncher with a bob-and-weave style, Tyson enters 1985 as still another fascinating figure in the highly competitive 135-pound division. Overall record: 17-1, nine knockouts.

MELVIN PAUL

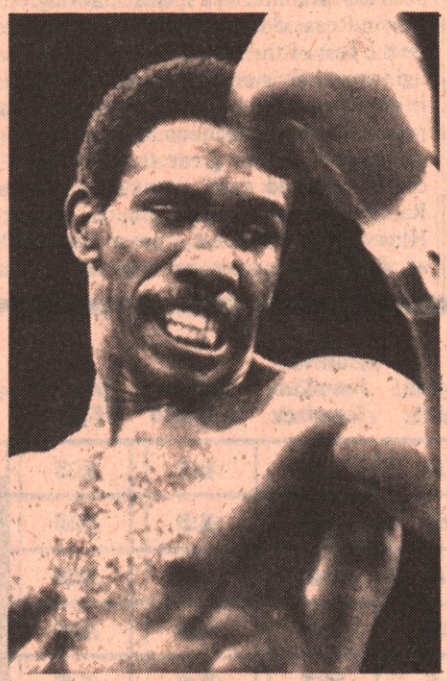
MELVIN PAUL'S NICKNAME IS "THE Tank," and although the moniker fits his squat, muscular physique, it certainly doesn't describe his fighting style. "The Tank" sounds like a guy who rumbles forward, throwing one bomb after another in an attempt to annihilate his opponent. Paul, however, is a careful counterpuncher who has blown several close decisions (against Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown for the IBF title and Terrance Alli for the ESPN belt) by playing it too safe. Melvin's



biggest win was a 12-round decision over Tyrone Crawley for the ESPN crown. He managed only one defense, a points win over previously unbeaten Bobby Johnson, before losing the TV-title to Alli. Paul also lost an early career decision to Hector Camacho. Even though he has several costly defeats on his log, the only time Melvin was outclassed was when Robin Blake stopped him in six rounds. "The Tank" recently got back on the winning track, closing out 1984 with three rebuilding wins over modest opposition. While not considered a serious threat to the world title, Paul has enough class to extend practically anyone in the division. Overall record: 20-4, 13 knockouts.

HOWARD DAVIS

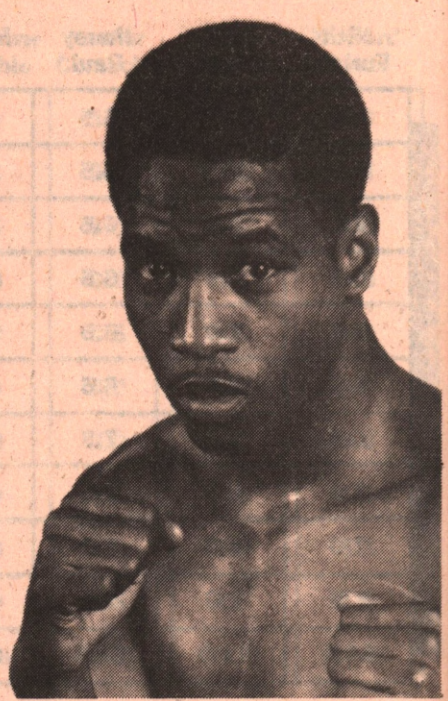
IF HOWARD DAVIS ONLY HAD EITHER a chin or a punch, he would probably be lightweight champion today. The multi-talented boxer from Glen Cove, New York finally got his second crack at the 135-pound title in 1984 and blew it when his



china chin let him down in the closing moments of a razor-close fight with Edwin Rosario. Davis was fighting the fight of his career against Rosario, but on the two occasions when the then WBC champion managed to put over solid punches, Howard hit the deck with a thud. The second knockdown came in the 12th and final round, just when it looked like Howard had boxed his way to the crown. Davis still has a lot going for him—great speed, a tight defense, and one of the best jabs in boxing—but it is doubtful that he will ever overcome the lack of a knockout punch, or more importantly, a fragile jaw. Even with these shortcomings, Davis still presents problems for any lightweight in the world because of his beautiful boxing skills. Another drawback Davis has to face is his safety-first style. Now that his star has begun to fade, Davis will probably have difficulty finding television dates. Despite his outstanding ability, he is still considered by many to be the Perry Como of the divison—smooth, but boring. Overall record: 26-2, 11 knockouts.

TYRONE CRAWLEY

TYRONE (BUTTERFLY) CRAWLEY IS probably the flashiest boxer among the lightweights. He possesses marvelous boxing skills and is almost impossible to tag with more than one clean punch at a time. The Philadelphian rocketed into the rankings with an upset decision over Robin Blake in October of 1983 and has since moved up to the top spot in the WBA ratings. Although this put him first in line for a shot at Livingstone Bramble, Crawley has since accepted a six figure payday for stepping aside and allowing Ray Mancini to meet Bramble in a rematch. Regardless of the outcome of the Bramble-Mancini match, Tyrone is assured of a shot at the winner. Crawley's lone loss has been on points to Melvin Paul in 1983. In that one, Tyrone spent too much time posing, and not enough time punching. One major



drawback in Crawley's fistic makeup is his lack of a big punch. He might float like a butterfly, but his sting is more like that of a mosquito than a bee. Overall record: 17-1, six knockouts.

CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS

PERHAPS THE MOST EXCITING FIGHTER in any division, Cornelius Boza-Edwards is like an old war horse who refuses to be put out to pasture. Considered to be on the

wrong side of the hill following losses to Bobby Chacon and Rocky Lockridge, the former WBC junior lightweight champion has regrouped as a full-fledged lightweight and is making a determined run at the 135-pound title. The Las Vegas-based Ugandan tallied three knockout wins in 1984, stopping Trevor Evelyn, Guy Villegas, and Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown. Both the Villegas and Brown victories were vintage Boza-Edwards. "Corny" took stick early and roared back to stop both in fine style. Although manager Mickey Duff and trainer George Francis insist they are trying to give Boza more defense in an attempt to prolong his career, it's tough to teach an old dog new tricks and we can still expect a war practically every time out. A young veteran at age 28, Boza seems to have found new life as a lightweight and has the heart and punch to upset even the cream of the division. Although it's unlikely that Cornelius will fulfill his dream of a second world title, you can never count him out. He is a true warrior, willing to give everything in pursuit of victory. Overall record: 41-5, 32 knockouts.

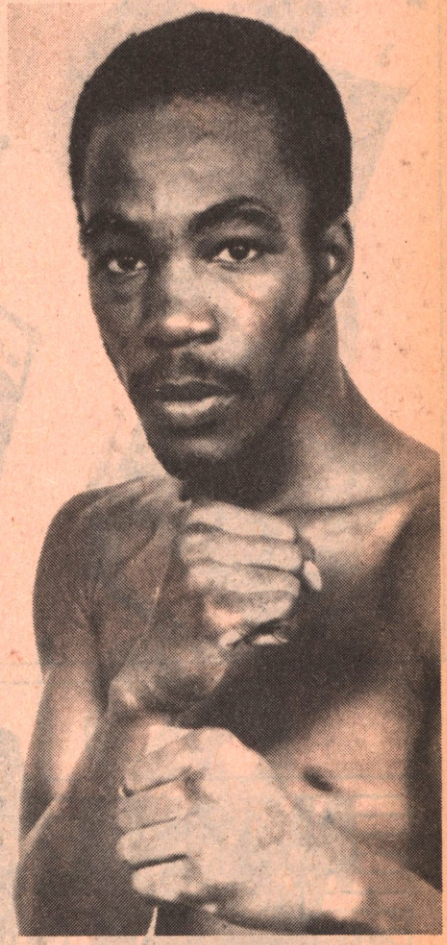
TERRANCE ALLI

TERRANCE ALLI, THE GOLD-TOOTHED newcomer from Guyana, likes to perform a spectacular backflip following every ring victory. Lately, Alli has been doing a lot of backflips. Pretty active by today's standards, Alli went to the post six times in 1984, winning them all. Originally a globe trotter, fighting in Guyana, Trinidad, and Canada, Terrance finally settled in New York after making his mark in a series of Atlantic City bouts. He won the ESPN title with a close split decision over Melvin Paul and has also racked up impressive victories over Ivan Montalvo, John Sinegal, and Ezzard Charles Adams. Alli is a crisp puncher, has energy and desire to spare, and seems to be improving with each

outing. Providing he isn't rushed into a major bout before he's ready, Alli is possibly championship material—although he has yet to prove it against a top ten opponent. Overall records: 24-3-1, 10 knockouts.

JIMMY PAUL

EARLY IN 1984, USBA LIGHTWEIGHT champion Jimmy Paul saw his fistic stock take a nose dive following his upset loss to Darryll Tyson. Although the decision was debatable, Jimmy needed an impressive



win to regain his lost prestige. He got his opportunity on the undercard of the Thomas Hearns-Roberto Duran card in Las Vegas. Paul was defending his national title against Alvin (Too Sweet) Hayes, an undefeated prospect many figured would beat him. Paul showed that he wasn't impressed by Hayes' fancy footwork, patiently waiting for the lanky boxer to run out of steam. When he did, in the sixth, Paul knew what to do. He unloaded a pair of potent overhand rights to Hayes' jaw and it was all over. A heavy hitter with either hand, Paul's main problem is his habit of laying back and waiting too long before firing his big guns. Although he might be a bit slow for the likes of Tyrone Crawley and Hector Camacho, Jimmy has a puncher's chance with anybody in the division. Overall record: 20-1, 18 knockouts.

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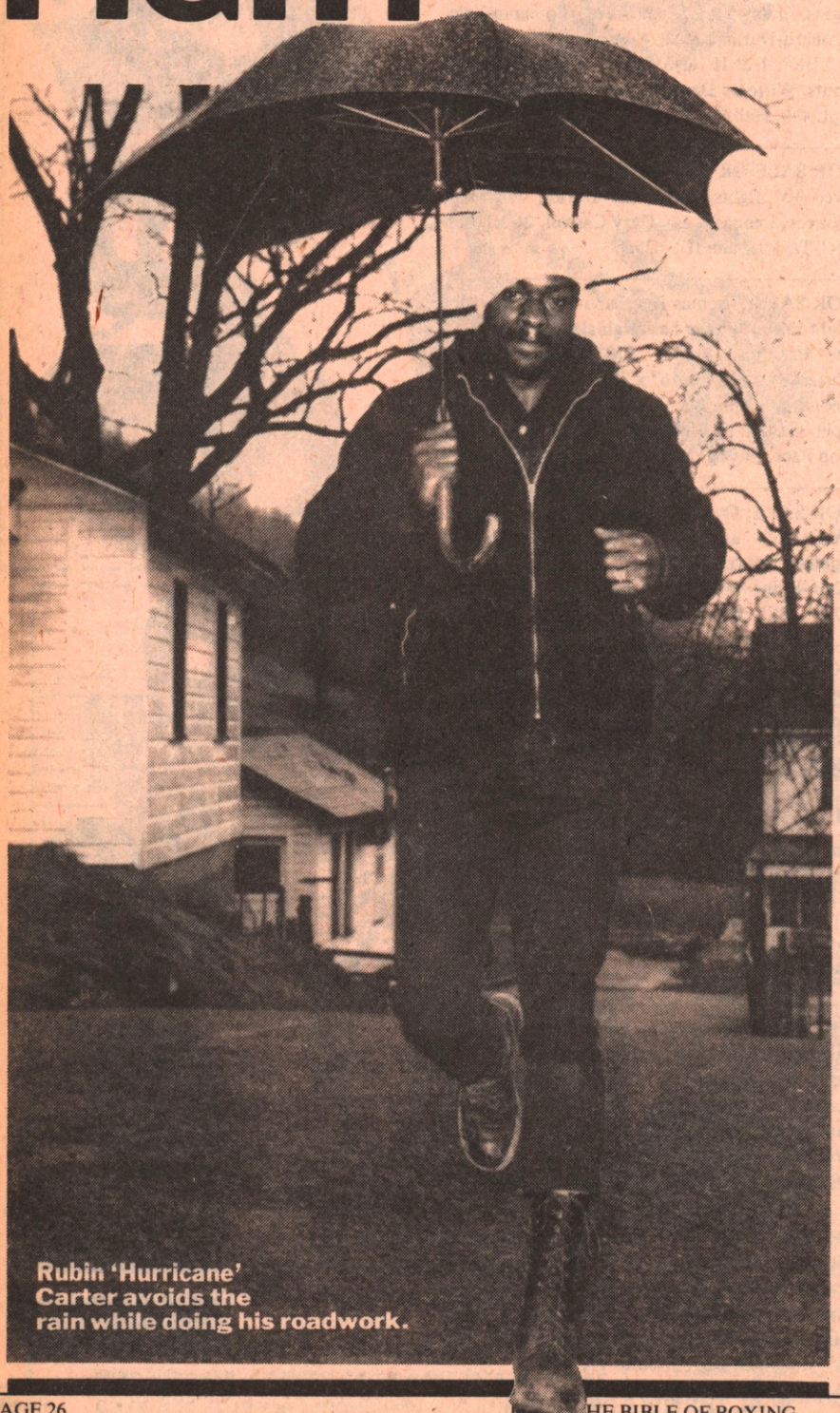
FIGHTING THE SMART FIGHT

By Joseph D'O'Brian



Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter avoids the rain while doing his roadwork.

When a true genius comes among us, by this sign shall ye know him; that all the dunces are in confederacy against him.

—Jonathan Swift

THAT ALL BOXERS ARE ABYSMALLY, incurably stupid is a tenet accepted as gospel by all those who piously declare themselves opposed to the existence of boxing. These ladies and gentlemen, who would, of course, never sully their pristine social consciences by actually getting to know anything about the sport, contend that boxing is nothing but a contest of brute strength anyway, and nobody but a complete moron would consent to having his brains beaten in for a fee.

They're full of crap, of course. The only trouble is, that as long as they persist in this pig-ignorant belief, we boxing fans (and boxers too, of course) will have to suffer through another few centuries of their misguided persecution. So we shall have to prove them wrong.

Like any other profession, boxing attracts both smart men and stupid men. Like any other art form, it has its practitioners and its geniuses.

Don't get me wrong: Boxing's stupid men, and its mere practitioners, are very important in their own ways. But for now, I will concern myself only with the smart men and the geniuses, to set the record straight.

If you look at boxing as an art form, like painting or writing music, you will understand that it requires genius in order to survive. Genius has been described as "balance on the edge of the impossible," that is, doing something that has never been thought of before or, if it has been thought of, has been dismissed as ridiculous. Examples of this might be Van Gogh painting a man with a blue face and making the blue look like flesh-tone, or Schoenberg composing good music with nothing but twelve-tone rows. Any art form, be it boxing or bookbinding, needs breakthroughs like this from time to time, or it will die.

The earliest recorded example of genius in boxing is the day back in the 1730s when Jack Broughton discovered that he could knock a man out with a straight punch more easily than he could with a roundhouse swing. Before his time, boxing had consisted strictly of roundhouses and uppercuts; nobody had ever tried a straight, snappy punch until Broughton.

Besides the cross, Broughton devised a primitive left jab, and was the first man to demonstrate that you could take an opponent out with body punches. Other boxers of Broughton's time were strictly head-hunters.

The next big breakthrough came in the 1890s, when Jim Corbett found that the

Shakespearean scholar and opera buff Gene Tunney measures tenor James McCracken's formidable chest.

left jab was not just a left jab: it set up other punches too. Corbett was the first man to hook off the jab, and thus the "combination" was born: Hook off the jab, cross off the hook, and so on. With combinations came feints, with feints came footwork, and down to the canvas came John L. Sullivan, so surprised was he by all these new ideas.

Jack Johnson credited Corbett's old rival, Joe Choynski, with teaching him Corbett's methods, and it was Johnson who really began the modern revolution in boxing, using these methods more effectively than Corbett had done himself.

By the time Johnson's star faded, during the First World War, the groundswell was beginning. Boxing started to look more or less the way it does today. Dempsey won himself a great name with his combinations; Tunney got feinting and footwork down to a science. Countless other great fighters, like Benny Leonard, Harry Greb and Tommy Loughran, all contributed their bits to the evolution of the new form.

After Johnson, though, there were no real breakthroughs in the art until the advent of Archie Moore in the 1940s and 50s. Moore I count as the greatest genius of all, because not only could he do great things, but he could explain how and why he did them. Before his time, defense consisted of moving away before your opponent could hit you back. Moore was the first boxer to illustrate that defense was not so much a matter of not getting hit as it was of not getting hurt.

His technique was one of defensive infighting, of crowding his opponent and smothering the punch, taking it before it could gather force and in this way letting his opponent wear himself out.

Muhammad Ali further developed Moore's concept in 1974 against George Foreman, when he used the infamous "rope-a-dope" tactic. This was a version of Moore's trick of neutralizing a punch rather than avoiding it, with the refinement of being able to do it from the outside. (This particular breakthrough was kind of a mixed blessing, admittedly: So many boxers try this trick now, and so few of them can bring it off.)

Okay. So much for the historical lecture.

I have managed, I think, to prove that there are men of genius in boxing. But, I hear you cry, couldn't it be that these men are smart enough inside the ring, but total dimwits out of it, *idiot-savants* if you will?

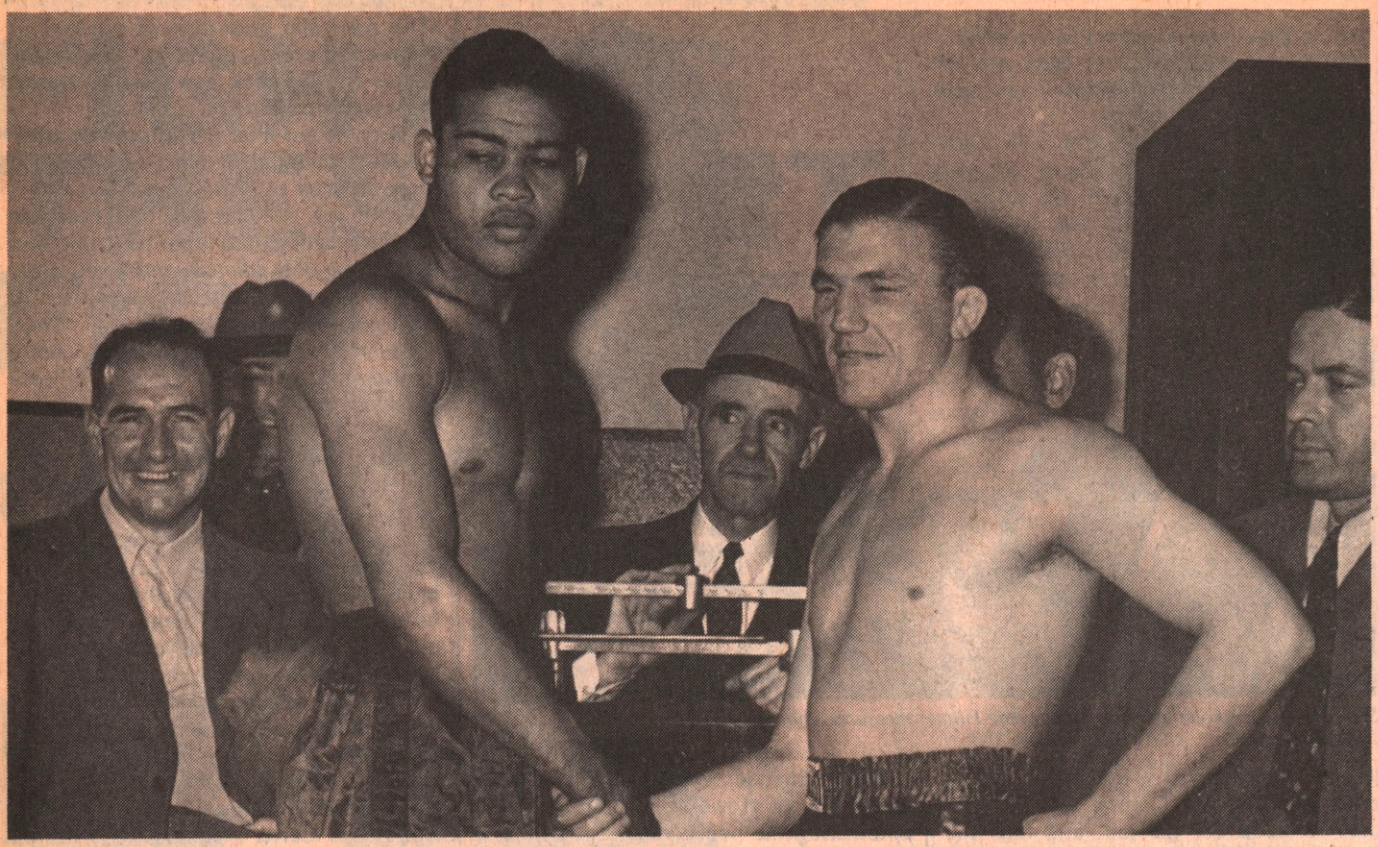
A fair question. In some cases, yes. In most cases, emphatically, no.

Archie Moore, for instance, never limited his genius to boxing. A self-educated, highly articulate man, he has become a very successful worker with problem juveniles, a fine trainer of young fighters, and the author of a sensitive, intelligent autobiography.

Tom Owen, a great bare-knuckler, invented the dumbbell. Another bare-knuckler, Jem Belcher, tried his luck as a fashion designer, and invented the Ascot tie. Jack Broughton, of course, was the author of the first rules of boxing.

For some reason, a great many good boxers also turned out to be good writers. Daniel Mendoza's memoirs, written in the 1820s, make excellent reading and paint a very descriptive picture of the bare-knuckle era. Rubin Carter's book, *The Sixteenth Round*, has very little to do with boxing, but it's definitely worth a read too. If

Master boxer Jackson Johnson gets together with old rival Jess Willard years after their historic encounter.



Archie Moore
and actor Eddie Hodges in a scene from the movie "Huckleberry Finn."

Tommy Farr (right) weights in for his title bout with Joe Louis.

nothing else, it proves that a crude, brawling fighter like Carter can still have a pretty powerful brain—the book is so well-written that it's almost frightening.

Other good writer/fighters are Tommy Farr (whose journalism won him praise from A.J. Liebling, who was even a better boxing writer than I am), Jose Torres and Boom-Boom Mancini. Yes, I said Boom-Boom Mancini. He's written and published some poetry and an essay or two, and it's not bad stuff at all.

I could go on and on with these examples, but an article can only be so long. If you want any more, write me a letter.

Here's a question, though: With all these smart fighters around, why is it that boxers still have a reputation for being dumb brutes?

I'll tell you why: It's our own damn fault. We, the boxing ans, tend to elevate the less artistic, less brainy fighters, and look down on the geniuses.

It's been that way throughout the ages. In the 1780s, the average boxing fan detested Dan Mendoza, partly because he was Jewish, but mostly because he was smart enough that he could win fights with brains instead of with power. That kind of fighter has never been popular; the thinking seems to be that okay, maybe he *can* win that way, but he *shouldn't* win that way. It's somehow unfair.

Sometimes, to be sure, it's the fighter's fault. Part of Gene Tunney's unpopularity stemmed from the fact that he toppled the legendary Dempsey, and part of it had to do with the fact that he was so damned intellectual. But the main reason nobody liked him was that his brains made him an insufferable snob.

Smart as he was, he swallowed this nonsense about athletes being dumb clucks who weren't fit to associate with real people, and he avoided them accordingly. In meetings with the press, he made a point of always being seen with a book in his hand, and he spoke in a fearfully donnish style that at times became almost a parody of itself, for example:

"Your conduct" (he scolded one reporter) "was most unbecoming, when I acted the man, for you to construe, as you did, my actions to your ends. That's the sort of ungentlemanly thing that makes it so difficult for you chaps to get what you want."

Now, if he'd just said, "Hey, chump, you made me look bad. You get no more help from me," people would have liked him a good bit better.

Usually, though, fans will resent a smart fighter even when that smart fighter is perfectly okay as a person. Archie Moore was never popular with any but the most knowledgeable fans. He was a nice guy, a hell of a personality, but the fans never forgave him for being a genius. Joe Liebling, writing about Moore's fight with Harold Johnson, put it this way:

"The crowd, to my amazement, liked Johnson. I myself have a great prejudice in favor of boxers who are skillful and daring. But there are *Lumpen* who come to a fight to see a good boxer beaten.

"Moore was old, but the people in the crowd wanted to see him knocked out. When Joe Louis got old, they wanted to see him win. Perhaps it was because Louis was a slugger. He was a pretty good boxer, too, but they forgave him for it. Maybe they hadn't noticed."

What we need, I think, is for some boxer, somewhere, to turn his intelligence to explaining boxing to the average person. I don't mean that he should explain how it's done, or what differentiates a good fighter from a bad one, or even how to appreciate the sport.

Instead, he should explain himself.

Most writers are obsessed with why they write, the deep meaning of their own love for the art, the nature of the art, and all those other heavy philosophical questions. A lot has been written on this subject, and a lot of it is garbage, but ever so often, somebody says something sensible on the subject. We need a boxer to do the same thing about boxing.

I confess I can't do this; I have never boxed. I can only appreciate the sport from the outside. We need somebody who actually gets into the ring and throws leather to explain to the rest of us just why he does it, why he likes it, and why anybody who says he shouldn't be allowed to do it should go suck an egg. He should, as Thomas Jefferson once said, "put the matter forward in terms so plain and fair as to command assent."

We've got two kinds of people to deal with here: The boxing fans, who don't believe that brains should have any place in boxing, and the anti-boxing people, who feel that boxing should have no place in brains. They're both wrong, but I'm afraid they'll only accept proof from a real boxer. So, Jose, Archie, Boom-Boom, or whoever else out there wants to take a crack at it, come on! Spell it out to these guys!

A scholarly-looking Jim Corbett.

ASK THE ANSWERMAN

By Herbert G. Goldman

Q What happened in the Larry Holmes-Ken Norton and Holmes-Muhammad Ali fights?

—BENJAMIN HANKERSON
Starke, Fla.

A *Homes won the WBC heavyweight title by winning a split decision over Norton in Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on June 9, 1978. He stopped Ali between rounds 10 and 11 on October 2, 1980, also at Caesars.*

Q What is former world welterweight champion Jose Napoles doing these days?

—JOHN PITTMAN
Linn Creek, Mo.

A *Jose is a dancer in night clubs in Mexico City.*

Q Could you tell me a little bit about Nino Valdes? I've heard some older fight fans talk about him.

—ROY CLARKE
Neasden, England

A *Valdes, who stood 6'3" and weighed in the vicinity of 210 pounds, was, at one time, top contender for Rocky Marciano's world heavyweight title. A 15-round decision loss to Archie Moore cost Nino a possible title shot and led to Moore's own bout with Marciano. Valdes fought from 1941 to 1959.*

Q Did Ezzard Charles ever fight Billy Conn?

—JOHN SCHUMACHER
Cicero, Ill.

A *No.*

Q Why were the Dempsey-Tunney fights only scheduled for 10 rounds?

—JAMES SASTER
Carson City, Nev.

A *Because 10 was the maximum number of rounds allowed in Pennsylvania until 1928 and in Illinois until 1935. The Dempsey-Sharkey bout, a non-title affair held in New York, was a scheduled 15-round bout.*

Jose Napoles

Q Where were Dempsey's fights in 1915 against Chief Gordon, Joe Lyons, Johnny Pierson, and Battling Johnson held?

—HENRY BATTEY
Houston, Texas

A *This information is still lacking from Jack's early record. The bouts in question were definitely not held in Salt Lake City, the site of many Dempsey fights of 1914-16. They may have taken place in Pueblo, Colorado, as Dempsey was often billed as "Jack Dempsey of Pueblo" at that stage of his career.*

Q I've seen Archie Moore's record knockout total given as 145 in one source and as 129 in another. Which one is correct?

—BOB ORTH
Bismarck, N.D.

A *A number of Moore's amateur fights somehow found their way onto his professional record, causing the confusion. Historians belonging to the International Boxing Research Organization are now attempting to clarify the details of Archie's early career.*

Q Who was known as the Knob Hill Terror?

—ART SIMMONS
Sacramento, Calif.

A *Monte Attell of San Francisco, younger brother of the one and only Abe.*

Q Was Jimmy Clabby a welterweight or a middleweight?

—LEO SCHWARTZ
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A *Jimmy started as a lightweight in 1906, reached his peak as a welter, and finished up as a middleweight in 1923.*

Q What was the scheduled distance of the first Schmeling-Louis bout, in 1936?

—HOWARD PURCELL
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

A *The bout was scheduled for 15 rounds. Schmeling knocked out Louis in the 12th.*

Q Did Leo Houck ever win a world title?

—JOHN SEIDEL
Lancaster, Pa.

A *Houck won recognition as world welterweight champion in Europe by outpointing title claimant Harry Lewis over 20 rounds in Paris on* May 3, 1911.

Q Did Kid Azteca ever get a title shot?

—LUIS GARCIA
Monterrey, Mexico

A *Azteca, a Mexican welterweight whose career spanned more than 30 years (1929-1961), never fought for a world crown.*

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SUN CITY, BOPHUTHATSWANA—NOT since Muhammad Ali knocked out Sonny Liston in one round in Lewiston, Maine, in 1965 has officialdom blundered as badly as in the WBA heavyweight title fight between Gerrie Coetzee and Greg Page at the Superbowl.

Page knocked out Coetzee in the eighth round to become the new champion, but for how long is anybody's guess. If Coetzee has his way it won't be for more than a couple of weeks.

A malfunction in the electronic clock used by timekeeper Blackie Swart resulted in Page knocking out Coetzee a full fifty seconds after the round should have ended. The official time was given as 3 minutes, 3 seconds but the actual time, as confirmed by the videotape recording of the fight, was 3 minutes, 50 seconds.

Instead of lying flat on his back being counted out by referee Isidro Rodritguez, Coetzee should have been sitting on his stool resting between rounds.

Hal Tucker, Coetzee's business manager, says he will lodge a strong protest with the WBA championship committee (chairman Elias Cordova was sitting at ringside) and will appeal for the result of the fight to be declared null and void. Not only because of the extended eighth round, but because of the poor officiating of referee Rodriguez of Venezuela.

Tucker has already taken steps to block a payment of $150,000 to Don King, applying to the Rand Supreme Court for an interdict to prevent Charles Lomax, King's representative, from leaving South Africa with the money.

The Coetzee camp can point to two precedents when they ask the WBA executive to overturn the decision. The first fight between Weaver and Dokes, when the WBA ordered a rematch within 90 days, and the bout between Benedicto Villablanca and Samuel Serrano.

Twice the WBA changed the decision after referee Jesus Celis had awarded the WBA junior lightweight title to Villablanca on a technical knockout in the 11th round. Twenty days later the WBA championship committee decided that the cut which had resulted in stoppage of the fight had been caused by a deliberate butt and declared the fight null and void. Later still the decision was changed to a technical draw and Serrano was reinstated as champion.

Coetzee's troubles started in the second round when his seconds were slow to leave the ring. Page charged across the ring and caught Coetzee with a left to the head while the champion was still half-standing, half-sitting in his corner with his back to his opponent.

What's more, referee Rodriguez let him get away with it, causing Coetzee to lose his cool and engage Page in what can only be described as a brief brawl.

Coetzee had even stronger grounds for a complaint in the sixth round, when Page struck him several blows after the bell, flooring him with a right to the head long after the gong had sounded.

Coetzee's corner were clearly unhappy at the turn of events but all the referee was prepared to do was warn Page for the foul. He even failed to instruct the judges to take the round away from the challenger.

Coetzee still hadn't fully recovered from the knockdown by the start of the seventh round and Page soon sent him back to the boards with a left-right combination to the head for a count of eight. Somehow Coetzee dredged up whatever strength he had left, and when he regained his feet, he fought back ferociously and actually shook Page with a barrage of blows to the head. Even so, Coetzee could not find the punch to put Page down and when the round ended both men looked on the verge of exhaustion.

Coetzee, who had fought most of the fight flat-footed, put some bounce into his legs at the start of the eighth round but after one minute neither man had thrown a single punch. Page then clipped Coetzee with a short right to the head, but after two minutes it began to look as though this would be a comparatively quiet round.

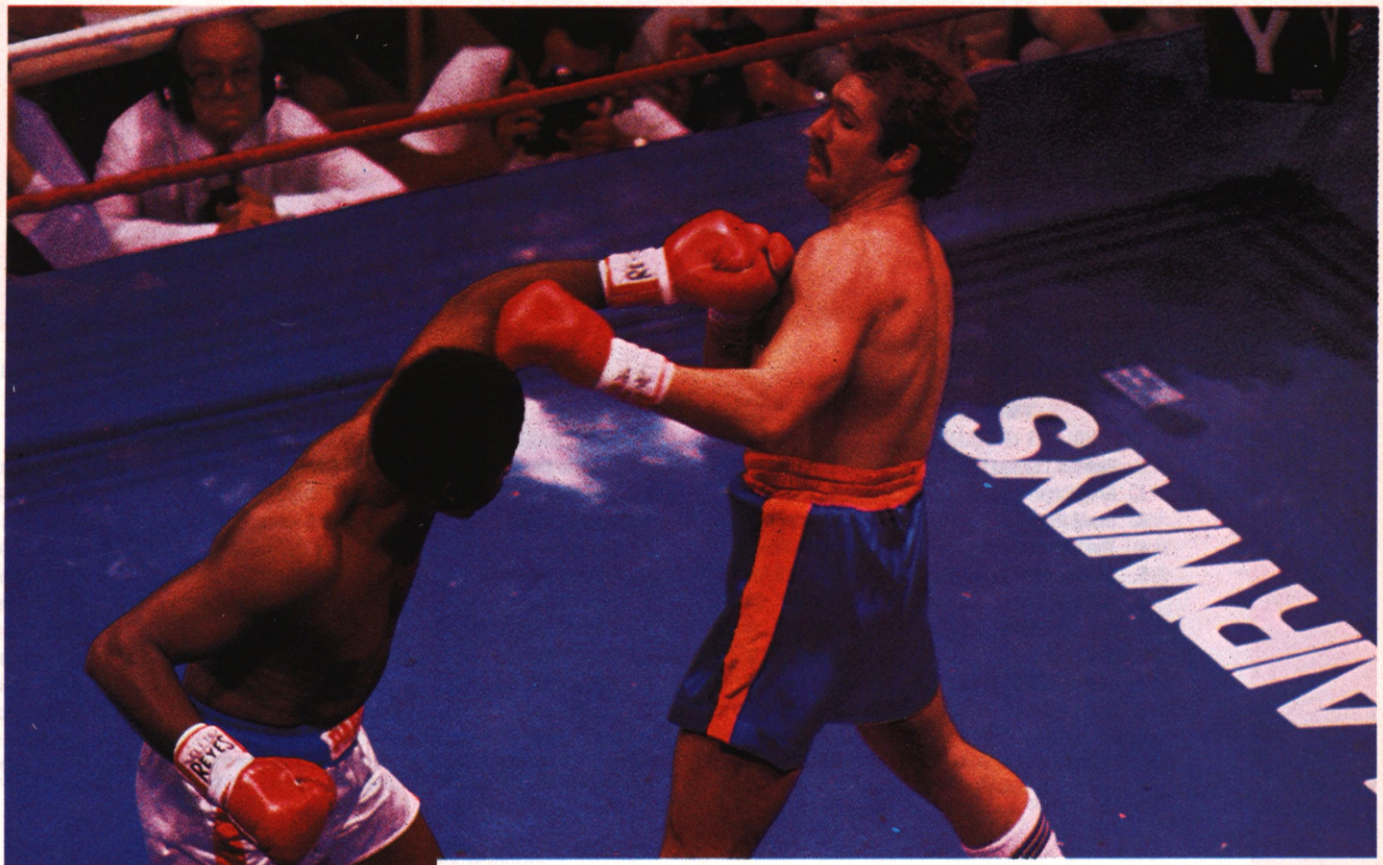
There was not much to choose between the men at the three minute mark but after 3 mins. 20 secs. Coetzee began to outbox the challenger. Janks Morton, Page's manager and trainer, was meanwhile screaming at the timekeeper to end the round.

Stung into action by Coetzee's jab, Page wobbled the champion with a solid right to the head, followed with two good left-right combinations and then hooked his left to the jaw to send Coetzee crashing to the canvas, flat on his back.

Referee Rodriguez knelt beside the fallen champion to remove his mouthpiece and declared him out at 3 mins. 50 secs. of the round.

I could hardly believe my eyes when I checked the stopwatch at our television commentary position at ringside. The time was later confirmed by a videotape recording of the round.

Referee Rodriguez appeared ruffled when I questioned him after the fight and



"Every time I hit him, I said: 'This is from the jerk you were talking about.' "

Greg Page

RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(weight unlimited)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES ☆ ..... Easton, Pa.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Greg Page*** ..... Louisville, Ky.
3. **David Bey** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
6. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
7. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
8. **James Broad** ..... Wildwood, N.J.
9. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
10. **Gerry Cooney** ..... Huntington, N.Y.

11. Carl Williams, 12. Tony Tubbs, 13. Tony Tucker, 14. Trevor Berbick, 15. Marvis Frazier, 16. John Tate, 17. Frank Bruno, 18. Jeff Sims, 19. Eddie Gregg, 20. Mitchell Green.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(not over 195 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS DE LEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Piet Crous*** ..... South Africa
2. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** .... **Brooklyn, N.Y.**
3. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
5. **Lee Roy Murphy** ☆ ..... Chicago, Ill.
6. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
7. **Alfonso Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
8. **Henry Hearns** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Rickey Parkey** ..... Atlantic City, N.J.
10. **Bernard Benton** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.

11. Chisanda Mutti, 12. Marvin Camel, 13. Bashiru Ali, 14. David Pearce, 15. Randy Stephens, 16. Dennis Jackson

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS*** ☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
3. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
4. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Prince Mama Mohammad** ..... Ghana
6. **David Sears** ..... Queens, N.Y.
7. **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
8. **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroons
10. **Tim Broady** ..... Jersey City, N.J.

11. Fulgencio Obelmejias, 12. Alex Blanchard, 13. Lotte Mwale, 14. J.B. Williamson.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

M. MARVIN HAGLER*** ☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
6. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
7. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
8. **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Alex Ramos** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
10. **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Herol Graham, 12. Doug DeWhitt, 13. Chong-Pal Park, 14. Murray Sutherland, 15. John Collins, 16. Mark Holmes, 17. Frank Fletcher, 18. Robert Pew.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **Carlos Santos** ☆ ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
9. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
10. **Earl Hargrove** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Green, 12. Francisco DeJesus, 13. Wilfred Benitez, 14. Darnell Knox, 15. Luigi Minchillo

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*** ☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
4. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
7. **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
8. **Pedro Vilella** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
10. **Carlos Trujillo** ..... Panama

11. Johnny Bumphus, 12. Roger Stafford, 13. Horace Shufford, 14. Elio Diaz, 15. Pablo Baez, 16. Jun-Sok Hwang.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Aaron Pryor** ☆ ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Bill Costello**** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Gene Hatcher*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
4. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
6. **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
7. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8. **Gary Hinton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
10. **Clinton McKenzie** ..... England

11. Hugo Hernandez, 12. Bill Famous, 13. Hideka Akai, 14. Sang-Ho Lee, 15. Joe Manley, 16. Lorenzo Garcia, 17. Reyes Cruz, 18. Ubaldo Sacco.

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☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Jose Luis Ramirez**** ..... Mexico
3. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Ray Mancini** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Harry Arroyo** ☆ ..... Youngstown, Ohio
7. **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
8. **Hector Camacho** ..... Harlem, N.Y.
9. **Jimmy Paul** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Terrance Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. Robin Blake, 12. Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 13. Darryl Tyson, 14. Nick Furlano, 15. Orlando Romero, 16. Charlie (White Lightning) Brown, 17. Kenny Bogner, 18 Frankie Randall

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE* ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
4. **Julio Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
6. **Edgar Castro** ..... Venezuela
7. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Pat Cowdell** ..... England
9. **Jean Marc Renard** ..... Belgium
10. **Kamel Bou Ali** ..... Tunisia

11. Alfredo Layne, 12. Refugio Rojas, 13. Yonekura Ikhoni, 14. Yoshimitsu Azato, 15. Rolando Navarrete, 16. Tae-Jin Moon,

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
5. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
6. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
7. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
10. **Richard Savage** ..... W. Monroe, La.

11. Irving Mitchell, 12. Jorge Lujan, 13. Sergio Zambrano, 14. Ramon Sosa, 15. Lupe Suarez, 16. Oscar Bejines, 17. Tyrone Jackson, 18. Dana Rostob

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Juan (Kid) Meza**** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas
5. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
6. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Raul Gonzalez** ..... Venezuela
8. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Leo Cruz** ..... Dominican Republic
10. **Seung-Hoon Lee** ..... Korea

Bernardo Checa ..... Panama

11. Felepe Orozco, 12. Bernardo Checa, 13. Ramon Dominguez, 14. Pongpan Sorphayathai 15. Ji-Won Kim, 16. Tommy Valoy, 17. Jesus Flores

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

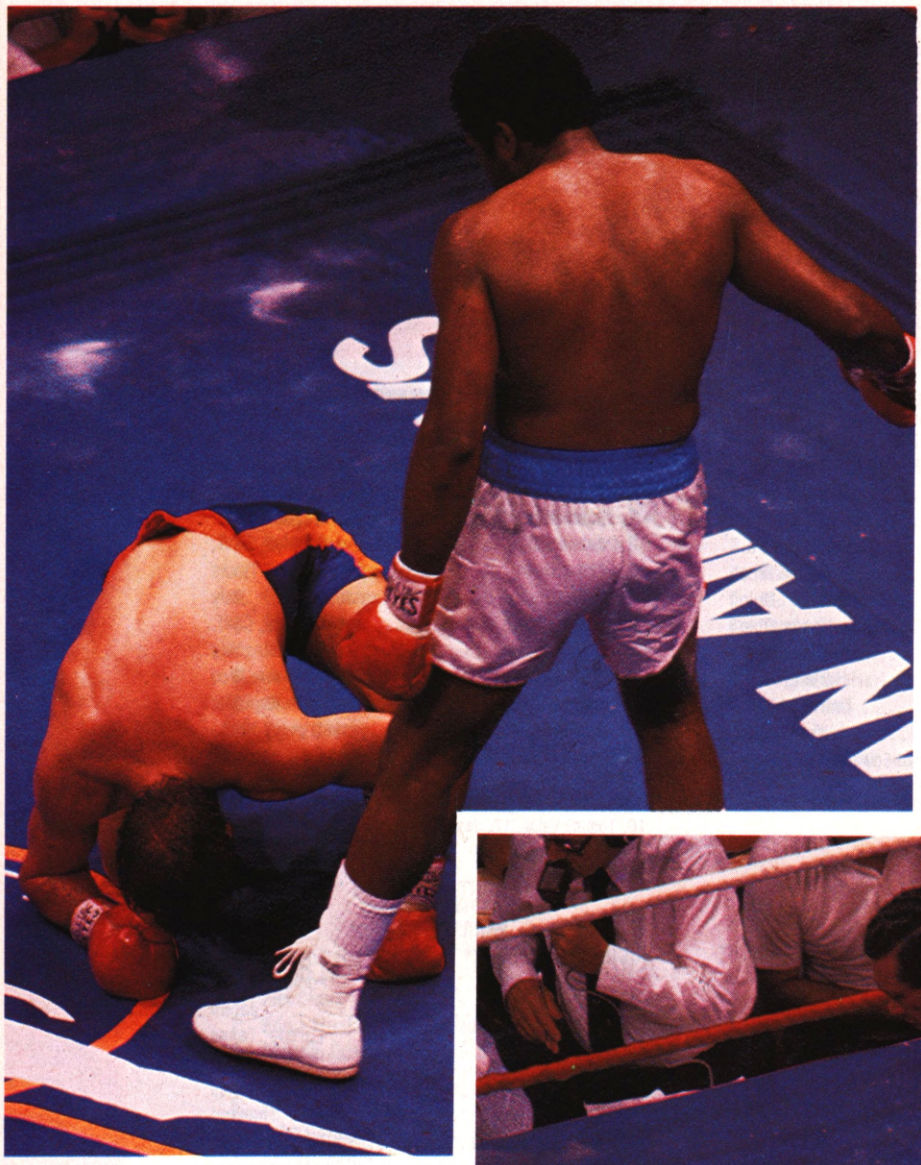
RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Albert Davila**** ..... Pomona, Calif.
2. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
3. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
4. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
5. **Freddy Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
6. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
7. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Jerome Coffee** ..... Nashville, Tenn.
9. **Miguel Lora** ..... Colombia
10. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas

11. Harold Petty, 12. Enrique Sanchez, 13. Jorge Ramirez, 14. Chan-Yung Park.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALATA** ..... Thailand
1. **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
4. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
5. **Francisco Quiroz** ..... Dominican Republic
6. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
8. **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
9. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
10. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Koji Kobayashi, 12. Juan Herrera, 13. Prudencio Cardona, 14. German Torres, 15. Charlie Magri, 16. Katsuo Tokashiki, 17. Reinaldo Becerra, 18. Francisco Montiel, 19. Enrique Aguilar, 20. Jose DeJesus.



asked why he had not invoked the no-foul rule in round six. "Both boxers threw punches after the bell," he said through an interpreter. "That's why I could not give Coetzee a five-minute break."

Asked why he had warned Page for the infringement and not Coetzee, Rodriguez said: "I warned Page because he threw another punch after I had ordered him to stop."

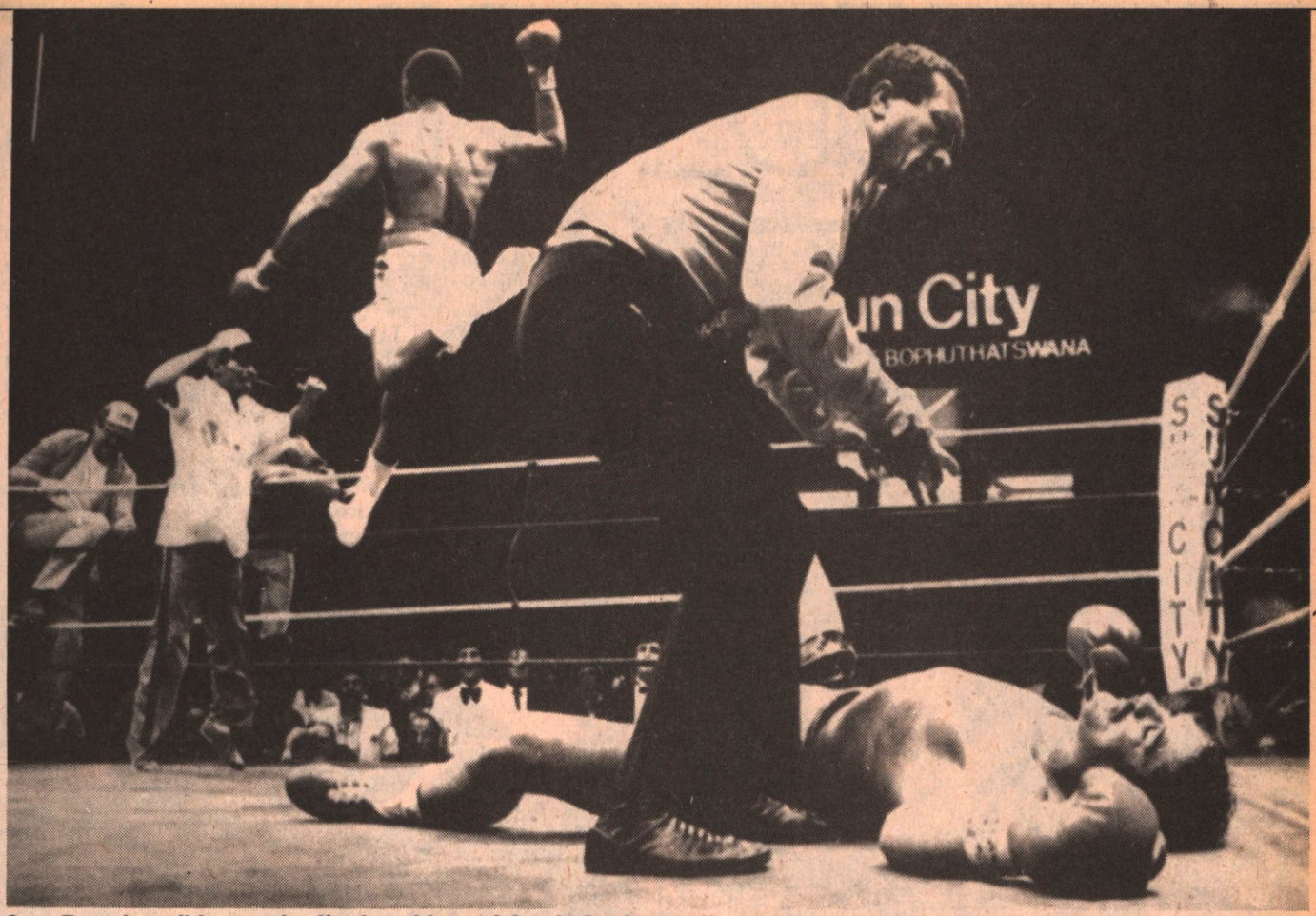
Later, I was told by Mike Mortimer, WBA vice-president for Africa, that the WBA had changed its no-foul rule about two years ago. "The only time a referee is permitted to grant a five-minute break is for a low blow," he said. "Coetzee was floored by a blow to the head. Referee Rodriguez could have disqualified Page or instructed the judges to take the round away from him."

In fact, he did neither. Page got off with a mild rebuke in his corner.

As for timekeeper Blackie Swart, he insisted that the official time of the knockout was 2 mins. 53 seconds. When I pointed out that independent ringside observers, including SABC television, had

"I'll fight Gerrie again. If he thinks it was a lucky punch that knocked him out, I'll show him that I can do it again."

. . . Greg Page



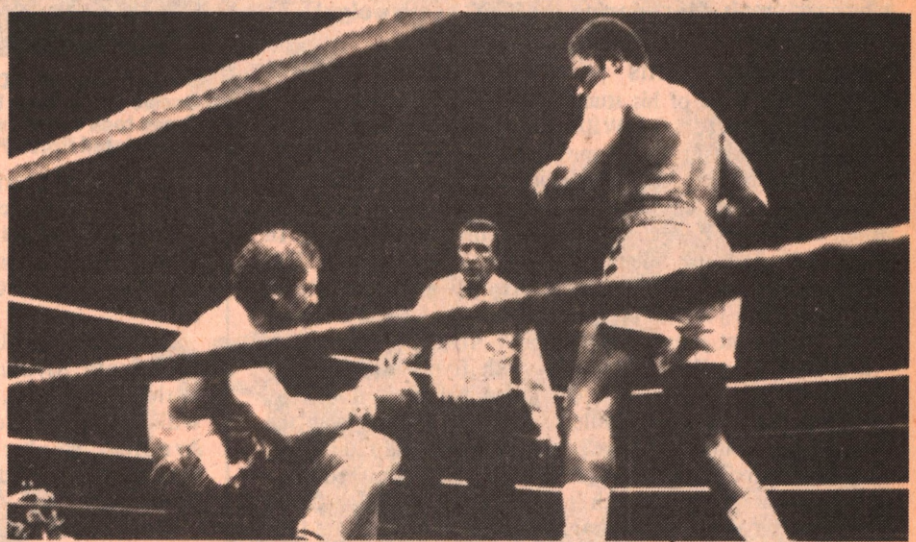
Greg Page is walking on air after knocking out Gerrie Coetzee in the eighth round in Sun City.

recorded the round as 3 minutes 50 seconds, he replied that both he and his assistant had timed the round correctly. However, he did admit that in an earlier fight the electronic clock used for timing the rounds had malfunctioned when someone jumped onto the ring apron.

Coetzee was clearly behind on points at the time of the knockout. The South African boxed completely out of character, neglecting his jab and trying to knock out Page with wild right-hand swings. And from the moment Page dropped him in the 7th round, he appeared to lose all interest in the proceedings.

Coetzee's strategy was hard to follow. After failing to knock out Page with an opening barrage, he persisted in throwing right-hand leads which were badly telegraphed and easily avoided by the challenger.

From the fourth round onwards, Coetzee was hardly in the fight, but he showed tremendous courage by fighting back after being knocked down for a count of eight in the seventh. And, for a while in round eight, it looked as though he might salvage the fight. But Page's combinations of lefts and rights proved too much for Coetzee.



Champion crashes. The reign of WBA heavyweight champion Gerrie Coetzee is just about over as Greg Page sends him down with a left hook.

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The final blows were a right to the head, followed by a vicious left hook. Coetzee was sent flat on his back and remained prostrate long after he was counted out.

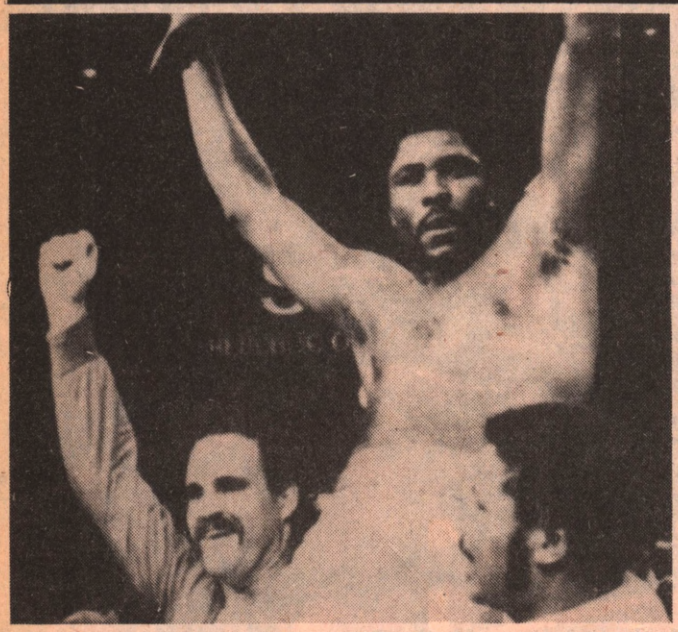
"We're feeling sick about everything concerning this fight," Willie Lock, Coetzee's trainer, said afterwards. "We've got a lot of talking to do and a lot of thinking to do."

"We believe Gerrie is still champ," said manager Hal Tucker. "We will be appealing for the result to be reversed and for Gerrie to be reinstated." □

Bert Blewett is the editor of ***South African Boxing World.***

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



Fighter Of The Month, Greg Page, is carried around the ring in triumph after winning the WBC heavyweight belt from Gerrie Coetzee.

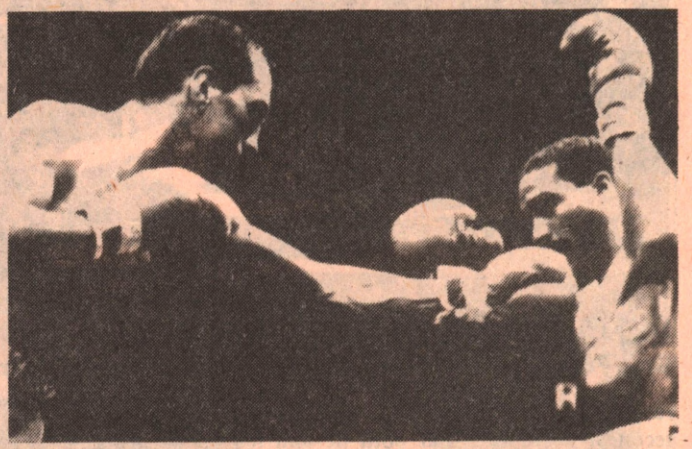
GREG PAGE IS THIS MONTH'S FIGHTER OF THE MONTH by virtue of his stunning eight round knockout over Gerrie Coetzee for the WBA heavyweight championship. Page has always promised much, but delivered little. Even before he turned pro, many observers felt that he was destined to become world champion. Some even called him the "new Ali." Until now, Page never lived up to his advance billing. In fact, 1984 had seen him lose major fights to both Tim Witherspoon and David Bey. But Greg never lost confidence in himself and jumped at the opportunity to fight Coetzee, even if it meant journeying to South Africa to do so. The "Louisville Rage" came through with flying colors, hammering Coetzee for three knockdowns before it was over. Although there is considerable controversy over whether the fatal eighth round went well over the three-minute mark, Page's outstanding performance is in no way diminished.

First runner-up this month is Japan's **Jiro Watanabe**, who defended his WBC junior bantamweight title with an 11th round knockout over Payao Poontarat. This was the second meeting between the pair. The first bout was a close split decision. This time, Watanable stopped his Thai rival to underline his claim as the best 115-pounder in the world.

Although South Africa lost one champion when Coetzee went down to defeat, it gained another when **Piet Crous** won the WBA cruiserweight crown with a 15-round unanimous decision over Ossie Ocassio on the same bill. Crous' title-winning effort earns him the second runner-up spot for the month.

CROUS-OCASIO
WBA Junior Heavyweight Title

SUN CITY, BOPHUTHATswana—Piet Crous of South Africa won the World Boxing Association's junior heavyweight title with a 15-round unanimous decision over defending champion Ossie Ocasio of Puerto Rico on the Page-Coetzee undercard.



South African Piet Crous lands a straight left to the face of Ossie Ocasio during their WBA cruiserweight title bout in Sun City. Crous took Ocasio's crown with a 15 round unanimous decision. (Associated Press Photo)

The official scoring was as follows: referee Carlos Berrocal, 147-143; judge Stanley Christodoulou, 147-140; judge Jesus Celis, 144-143.

Crous, 29, thus became the sixth South African to win a world boxing title, following Willie Smith, Vic Toweel, Arnold Taylor, Peter Mathebula, and Gerrie Coetzee.

Crous forced Ocasio to box off his back foot from round one on, never giving "Jaws" a chance to settle down. The anticipated hooks and uppercuts from the champ were rarely seen, Ocasio relying almost entirely on a flicking left jab and a sneak right.

Crous, a notoriously slow starter, picked up his punch rate from the sixth round on, and finished strongly. He suffered a bad cut on his left eye in the eighth frame, but, although his corner was not able to stop the flow of blood immediately, it did not seem to bother Crous.

Willie Toweel, Crous' manager and trainer, urged his fighter to beat Ocasio to the punch and remonstrated with referee Berrocal regarding the champ's use of his head. Berrocal promptly responded by warning Ocasio—for the first time in the fight.

Ocasio grew visibly tired as the rounds went on. The bounce left his legs, the snap went out of his punches, and he held time and again. Crous was undaunted, and made a great finish to clinch the decision.

Toweel was ecstatic when the result was announced, and kissed the new champ's battered and bruised face.

Brian Mitchell, South Africa, outpointed Aladin Stevens, South Africa, eight, lightweights.

Louis Hendriks, South Africa, outscored James Dickson, U.S., six, heavyweights.

Louis Curtis, U.S., outpointed Martin Botes, South Africa, four, bantams.

Site—Sun City Super Bowl.

Attendance—7,500 (est.).

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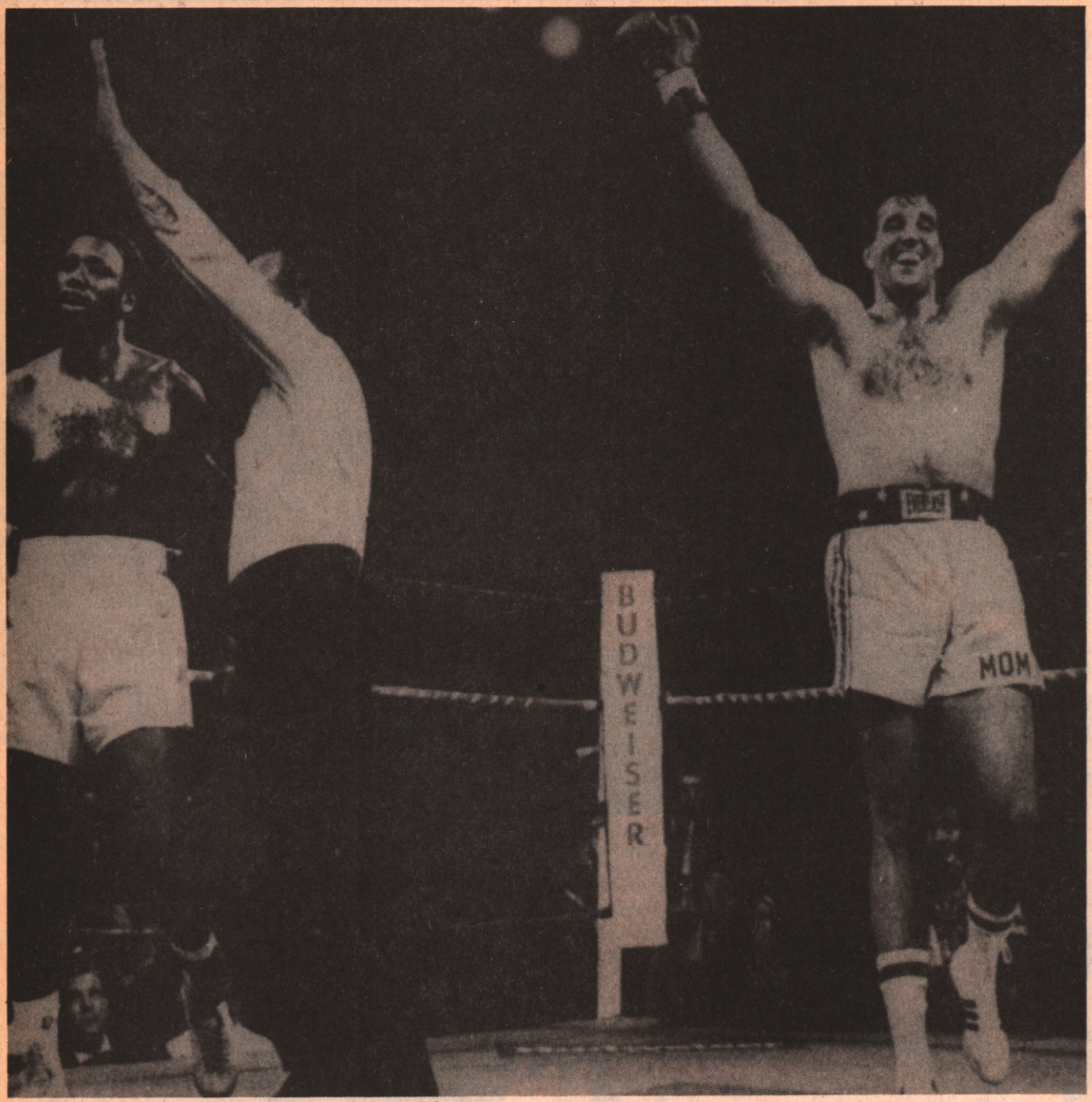
A happy Piet Crous celebrates his victory over Ossie Ocasio for the WBA junior cruiserweight crown. (Associated Press Photo)



Gerry Cooney raises his hands in victory as a dejected George Chaplin is led back to his corner by the referee. (Associated Press Photo)

COONEY-CHAPLIN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA—The timetable for the second coming of Gerry Cooney is right on schedule. Veteran journeyman George Chaplin was selected as the second stop along the comeback trail and "Gentleman Gerry" belted him out in fine fashion, 2:50 into the second round of a scheduled 10. Although Chaplin has been beaten by Gerrie Coetzee, Greg Page (two close decisions), Michael Dokes, and David Bey, nobody had accomplished the trick in such a rapid manner.

Chaplin, 216, looked to have Cooney's number in the first. He stayed close, made Gerry miss, and countered with stinging jabs to the face. George even put across a couple of decent rights. Perhaps his early success led to Chaplin's downfall, because, in the next round, he stopped moving away from Cooney's left and paid the price for his boldness.

Cooney, a relatively trim 229½, should be credited for not losing his cool when Chaplin avoided his big guns in the opening round. He bided his time, and when an opening appeared, Gerry knew what to do. He pulled the string on a wicked left uppercut that landed flush on Chaplin's jaw. George was out on his feet, but he rolled away, blocking most of Cooney's

follow-up barrage by instinct. Nevertheless, it was strictly one-way traffic and referee Bob Ferrera had little choice but to call a halt.

All in all, a decent win for Cooney, but hardly the kind of test needed to prepare him for any of the three men (Larry Holmes, IBF; Greg Page, WBA; Pinklon Thomas, WBC) currently holding portions of the world title.

SUTHERLAND-SCYPION

Vacant USBA Super Middleweight Title

IT SEEMS THAT, NO MATter how many times he gets beat, veteran Murray Sutherland won't go away. Just when you figure Murray has to be thinking seriously about hanging up his gloves, the gritty Scot comes up with a semi-significant win that puts him back in the running. This time, Sutherland overcame a rocky start to stop beefed-up middleweight Wilford Scypion in the 12th and final round to win the vacant USBA super middleweight title.

The bout, part of the Cooney-Chaplin undercard, was far from an artistic success. There was more push than punch, but, despite the fight's mauling nature, it was a physically grueling affair. Sutherland and Scypion may be past their prime, but both needed a victory to salvage their career, and fought accordingly.

Scypion, 168, took an early lead, dropping Sutherland for a manditory eight-count in the second round with a clubbing right to the head. Wilford continued to force the fight, bulling inside and whacking away at Murray's belly when he managed to get close enough. But as the fight reached the halfway mark, Scypion began to tire. Sutherland had avoided serious damage and still had enough left to make his move.

As the bout swung into the 10th round, it was obvious that Scypion was having trouble keeping his legs under him. Fatigue had completely set in and, in the next round, Murray dropped Wilford with a flurry of head punches just before the bell.

The minute rest did Scypion little good. He managed to answer the bell, but, following a few more clean shots by Sutherland, Wilford's manager, Mike Jones, jumped into the ring and referee Bob Ferrera stopped the fight.

Sutherland, who briefly held the IBF super middleweight belt before losing it to Korean Chong-Pal Park, jumped for joy when the fight was stopped. Once again, his retirement plans had been put on hold.

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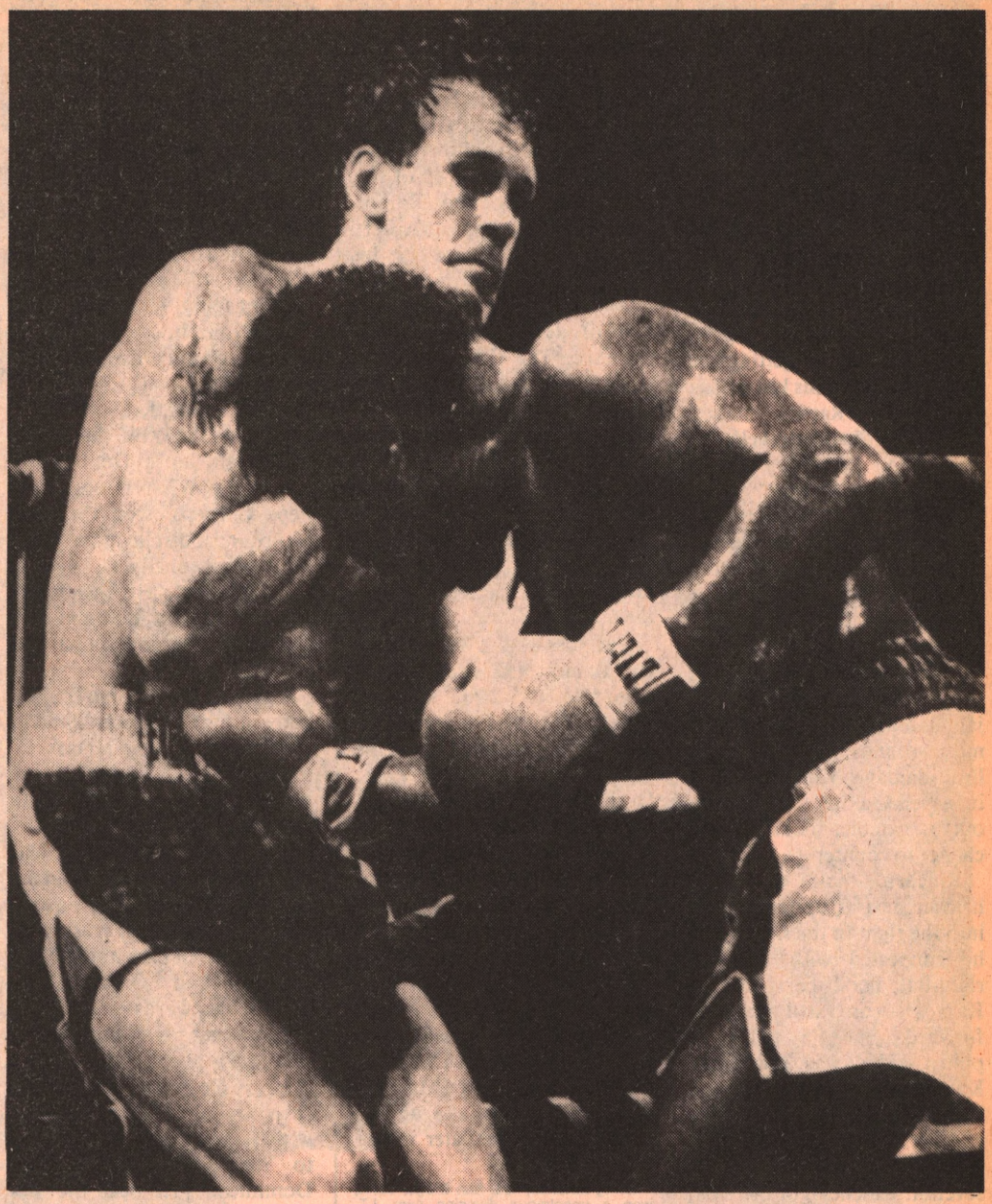


Wilford Scypion digs a right to the body of Murray Sutherland, but Sutherland withstood Scypion's early attack and rallied back for a 12th round knockout victory. (Associated Press Photo)

KINCHEN-RAMOS

USBA Middleweight Title

STATELINE, NEV.—THE middleweight division received a minor shakeup when James (The Heat) Kinchen scored a crushing knockout over Alex Ramos in the ninth round of a scheduled 12 to annex the USBA middleweight crown. Although the bout had been a rather pedestrian affair for most of the first eight rounds, the spectacular nature of the knockout was enough to boost Kinchen's stock and put him in line for an eventual title shot—providing he continues to win.

The bout, televised live on NBC, was a crucial test for both fighters. Ramos, once

considered one of boxing's brightest new stars, has never quite lived up to his advance billing. Alex had shown some of his old spark recently, outpointing Curtis Parker for the USBA belt and drawing with John Collins, in a match most observers felt Ramos had won. Kinchen, on the other hand, had, until recently, been bogged down with managerial and promotional problems that seemed to be getting the better of him. In his last outing before the Ramos match, "The Heat" had been held to a lukewarm draw by journeyman Jorge Amparo.

Ramos, back with trainer George Benton following a stint with Janks Morton, forced what little action there was over the first five rounds. He pressed forwards cautiously, working his left hand. Alex doubled up on his jab, landing enough to carry most rounds, but inflicting little damage. Kinchen boxed in a relaxed fashion, staying out of trouble, looking for a chance to counter.

Kinchen, half a pound heavier at 160, started to get into the fight in the sixth when he connected with a pretty right-left hook combination. Ramos was still coming forward, but he failed to punch. This was the break Kinchen was waiting for, and he finished the round with another flurry.

The action was brisk in the seventh. Kinchen got off first, scoring with another combination. Ramos answered with a left hook, and what had been a dull chessmatch of a bout suddenly turned into a fight. Just before the bell, Ramos nailed Kinchen with a left below the belt. Referee Joey Curtis gave Alex a warning, but as the round was over, Kinchen was given no additional rest.

The momentum continued in Kinchen's favor in the eighth, but going into the ninth, an early ending still seemed only a remote possibility. Then all hell broke loose.

Kinchen rushed out at the sound of the ninth-round bell and quickly connected with a right to Ramos' head. The punch caught Alex behind the ear and seemed to stun him. Kinchen Ramos followed with another right to the top of the head that staggered Ramos back into the ropes. A left hook clipped Ramos as he stumbled backwards and then Kinchen put him away with a pair of devastating rights to the face. The first right was enough to end matters, but Curtis was a little slow getting between the fighters and poor Ramos was really creamed by the last shot. He fell in a heap, his right arm draped over the middle rope, his legs crumpled beneath him. It was a clean knockout, just 50 seconds into the ninth.

The loss was a bitter blow for Ramos and dropped his record to 21-3-2 (13 kayoes). Alex came out of the amateurs with a reputation as a hard puncher with a weak chin. During his professional career, there have been several attempts to improve his stamina, but no amount of conditioning will help a fragile jaw.

Kinchen, now 34-0-1 (27 kayoes), takes his place in line for a shot at Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Although Hagler has a busy schedule for 1985, if he gets past Thomas Hearns and John Mugabi, Kinchen would make an attractive contender later in the year.

Irving Mitchell, 124, San Diego, Calif., won a unanimous decision over J.T. Walker, 126, Oakland, 10. Mills Lane, referee.

Ron Essett, 164½, Indianapolis, TKO'd Jim McDowell, 225, Portland, Oregon, who failed to answer the bell for round three of a scheduled four. Mills Lane, referee.

Alex Madrid, 125¾, Phoenix, TKO'd Rene Bodilla, 126¼, Los Angeles, at 2:07 of the second round in their scheduled four. Norm Buden, referee.

Timekeeper—Jim Rogers.
Knockdown Timer—Dan Connelly.
Main Events, Inc., NBC-TV
Site—Caesars Tahoe.
(11-24-84)

GALAXI-ESPINAL

Vacant WBA Junior Bantamweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Hard punching southpaw Kaosai Galaxy, 114½, Thailand, won the vacant World Boxing Association junior bantamweight title, using body shots to flatten Eusebio Espinal, 114, Dominican Republic, in 2:16 of the sixth round in a scheduled 15-rounder at Rajadamnern Stadium. The WBA had stripped its previous title holder, Jiro Watanable, for engaging in a 12-round unification bout with then WBC champion Payao Poontarat on July 7. Watanabe won that encounter, and is now the WBC champ.

The tall, lanky Dominican, piloted by WBA strong man Pepe Cordero, won the first two rounds, displaying a sharp jab, quick one-twos, and a stiff uppercut. He moved in and out so fast that the flat footed Thai hit nothing but the air.

Galaxy started going for the body in the third round, and it worked. A solid left hook to the ribs hurt Espinal, who began to look bewildered. It was the Thai's round.

The Dominican turned the tide back in the fourth, however, attacking with quick jabs and smart right crosses. A right uppercut caught the Thai cleanly, and Galaxy was thrown backwards.

From that point on, it was a total war.

In the closing seconds of the fifth, Galaxy dropped Espinal with a series of hard punches to the solar plexus. The Dominican just beat the 10-count, and the bell came to his rescue.

Galaxy, bleeding from a cut on the right eyebrow, went to end it in round six. He battered Espinal's body, and then landed a hard left hook to the head.

Espinal collapsed, and referee Stanley Christodoulou counted him out.

"Espinal's hooks were strong," Galaxy later said. "But I found his weakness—the midsection—in the third round. From that point on, I went for the body, and it worked out well for me."

"Kaosai was a ferocious puncher," said Espinal. "He never stopped coming forward."

Scoring at the end of five rounds was as follows: referee Christodoulou, 47-47; judges Larry Rozadilla and Bernardo Villalobos, both 48-47, Galaxy. The Thai is now 25-1 with 22 kayoes. Espinal is 20-1-1.

Galaxy's real name is Kaosai Wangchompu. The name "Galaxy" is taken from that of his manager's night club. Thailand now boasts two world champs—Galaxy and WBC flyweight king Sot Chitalada. The late Nat Fleischeer once described Thailand as a country where people really love boxing. He was right.

Promoter—Nivat Laosuwanwat.
Attendance—10,000 (estimated).
(11-21-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

McCALLUM-MINCHILLO

WBA Junior Middleweight Title

MILAN, ITALY—JAMAICAN-born Mike McCallum, 153, New York, retained his World Boxing Association junior middleweight title when Italian challenger Luigi Minchillo, also 153, retired after round 13 of a scheduled 15-inning title bout at the Sports Palace. It is recorded as a 14th round technical knockout.

It was a dull, onesided contest in which Minchillo only occasionally managed to get inside the 5'11½" champion's reach. The challenger, three inches shorter, found himself outpunched two-to-one in the bout's early stages, three-to-one by the middle rounds, and almost five-to-one as the fight went to its inevitable conclusion.

Both men were guilty of rules violations. McCallum was admonished by referee Frank Cappuccino for holding and hitting, and even lost a point in the eighth round when he persisted. Minchillo, on the other hand, was not warned for the low blows that he

Mike McCallum waves a small Jamaican flag after defeating Italian challenger Luigi Minchillo for the first defense of his WBA junior middleweight title in Milan.

threw.

The 29-year-old Minchillo, who had gone the distance with Roberto Duran and Thomas Hearns, simply could not deal with McCallum's speed. Luigi landed with his right at times, but was continually jarred by the champ's combos and, especially, his uppercuts.

"My goal is to stop him," the Jamaican said before the contest. It's not easy to win respect as a champ when the "other" title holder in your weight class is a gentleman named Thomas Hearns. (The "Hit Man," what's more, won what should have been called a title unification bout when he flattened Roberto Duran inside two rounds.)

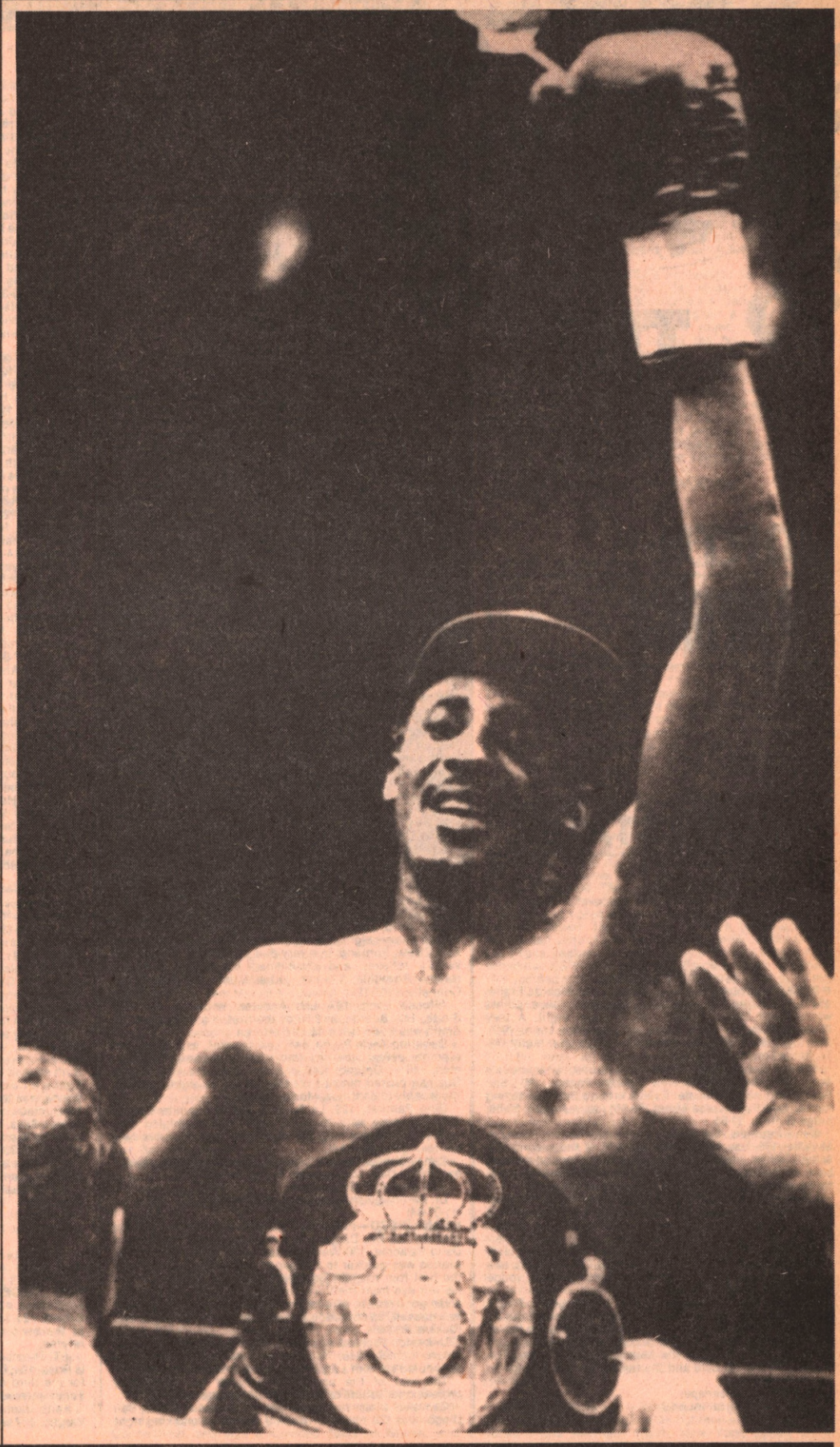
Minchillo had suffered a cut above the eye about six weeks before the fight, but that did not seem to affect the outcome. Luigi was, however, cut above the other eye by Mike, who did everything to the tough challenger but floor him—or have him on the verge of a legitimate knockout. It was just a case of punch, punch, punch until the fight became a farce.

That farce might have lasted the entire 15 rounds, but Minchillo's corner saw there was no point in having their man take what promised to be leather torture in the last two sessions. There were too many prospective paydays in Italian rings to risk having their meal ticket injured.

The fight, incidentally, drew about 8,000 people, accounting for what many claimed was the largest gate in Italian boxing history.

McCallum's next defense will probably be against WBA champion Davey Moore.

McCallum is now 23-0 with 20 knockouts. Minchillo is 44-4 with 28 kayoes. Luigi was ranked number six by the WBA.
NBC-TV.
(12-01-84)



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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

►**RESEDA—Country Club—** One-bout pro Ricardo Fraire, 154½, Los Angeles, was an upset unanimous points winner over Danny Lopez, 156, Orange, eight. A very disappointing performance by club favorite Lopez (9-2). Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 77-76; judge Lour Moret, 78-74; judge Tony Guitron, 78-74.

Genaro Espitia, 120, North Hollywood, unanimously outpointed Mexican veteran Fabian Palma, 120, San Bernardino, six. The busier Espitia broke a five-bout losing streak. Scoring: referee Moret, 58-56; judge Jordan, 59-56; judge Guitron, 59-55.

Rene Hedman, 134, Los Angeles, disposed of Ricardo Mendez, 136, Los Angeles, in just 1:55 of the second in a scheduled six. Mendez, down in the first, stopped fighting back in the second, forcing referee Moret, intervention. Hedman has won all four fights by quick knockout.

Martin Escobar, 130, Los Angeles, and Rafael Gudino, 128, Santa Maria, drew, four. Both are still looking for their first pro victory. Scoring: referee Moret and judge Jordan, 38-38; judge Guitron, 39-37, Escobar.

Debuting Terry Claybon, 130½, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Jose Tarango, 132, Pacoima, in a very good four. Scoring: referee Guitron, 39-37; judge Moret, 39-37; judge Jordan, 40-37.

Debuting Ralphie Guitierrez, 117, Los Angeles, TKO'd Javier Lara, 116, North Hollywood, who was pulled out by ringside physician Dr. Michael DeLuca at 0:57 of the fourth and final round because of a cut over the left eye. One of those matches which could have gone either way. The styles of the short Lara and the tall Gutierrez made for an excellent fight.

Alex Garcia, timekeeper.

Bill Caplan, ring announcer.

(11-01-84)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—** Rene Arredondo, 144, Los Angeles, needed only two punches to knock out Celico Carvajal, 145, Barranquilla, Colombia. A left hand five seconds into the fight dropped Carvajal for eight, and a right quickly put him down a second time. Referee Marty Denkin counted out Carvajal at 0:48 of the first in a scheduled 10.

Herman Montes, 146½, Whittier, kayoed Leonardo Bermudez, 151, Culiacan, Mexico, in 2:42 of the second in their scheduled 10. A right cross floored Bermudez for the full count. Dick Young, referee.

Ramon Rico, 125½, Guadalajara, hammered Victor Moreno, 124½, Los Angeles, into defeat in another one-sided bout. Referee Denkin called a halt at 2:00 of the fourth in a scheduled 10 with Moreno on his feet but taking punishment.

Gus Olmos, 130½, Sacramento, beat James Sowell, 132, Los Angeles, referee Kenny Davis intervening at 0:46 of the fifth in a scheduled 10 with Sowell bleeding from a jagged gash on the forehead which later needed five stitches. Olmos floored Sowell and always had the edge, but Sowell was surprisingly aggressive.

Stacy Grant, 148, Los Angeles, flattened Felix Castillo, 146½, Santa Maria, in 1:20 of the first in a scheduled six. Castillo was down twice. Referee Davis could have counted to 20.

Debuting Lawrence Carver, 138, Los Angeles, was a four-round majority winner over Sal Lujan, 137½, Huntington Beach, in the only competitive bout on the card. Both were more than willing to soak up a lot of punishment. Scoring: referee Davis, 38-38; judge Young, 39-37; judge Denkin, 38-37.

Dr. Bernard Schwartz, ringside physician

Jimmy Lennon, ring announcer

(11-02-84)

►**INGLEWOOD—Forum—** Prince Mama Mohammed, 175¾, North Hollywood, easily outboxed Grover Robinson, 178¼, Fremont, over 12 to win the Forum cruiserweight championship. Mohammed (30-0-1) deserves a world title shot. Scoring: referee Pat Connelly, 118-111; judge Larry Rozadilla, 119-109; judge Armando Muniz, 120-113.

Stan Ward, 230, Sacramento, successfully defended his Forum heavyweight title by unanimously outpointing Ken Arlt, 216¾, Portland, in a very dull 12. Old age has slowed Ward's reflexes and diminished his desire. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 119-111; judge Muniz, 120-109; judge Connelly, 118-112.

Alfonso Long, 147, Los Angeles, knocked out Billy Smith, 146, Boston, in 2:59 of the first in a scheduled 10. Smith was down twice. Muniz, referee.

Debuting Kevin Payne, 145, Los Angeles, was headed to a points defeat when he floored and stopped Fred Guzman, 146¼, Ontario, 1:49 into the sixth and final round. Guzman picked himself off the canvas at eight, but was too wobbly to continue. Muniz, referee.

Dino Ramirez, 129, La Puente, TKO'd Joaquin Garcia, 129, Pasadena, at 2:30 of the third in a scheduled five, referee Muniz stopping the fight with Garcia on his feet but taking punishment.

Danny Garcia, Oxnard, won a four-round majority verdict over Willie Diaz, Los Angeles. Muniz, referee.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician

(11-07-84)

►**SAN DIEGO—Palisades Gardens—** Rosendo (Rocky) Alonso, 132, San Diego, won a majority points verdict over Delio Palacios, 130 Westminster, in an action packed 10. Alonso was quicker to the punch and more aggressive in the first four rounds. Palacios (18-3) bled from a cut over his left eye from the third, but showed courage, stamina, and a good chin to take four of the last six. Scoring: referee Pat Russell, 98-98; judge Frank Rustich, 97-95; judge Hal Rickard, 98-94.

Unbeaten Richard Aguirre, 146½, San Diego, flattened Arturo Lomeli, 145, Tijuana, in 1:44 of the first in a scheduled six with a right to the chin. Rustich, referee.

The rest of the undercard featured the successful professional debuts of San Diego's top amateurs.

Olympic trials runner-up David Gutierrez, 147, San Diego, was the most convincing winner. A cracking right demolished Jaime Fernandez, 150, Tijuana, in 0:35 of the third in a scheduled five. Fernandez is only 1-4, but he had never been off his feet. Gutierrez is managed by World Fighters, Inc. of Orange. Rustich, referee.

Rigoberto Lopez, 142, National City, impressively outpointed experienced Francisco Ponce, 146, San Diego, losing only the sixth and final round. Combacking Ponce had been inactive for four years and his frustration was apparent. Scoring: referee Rustich, 59-55; judge Russell, 60-57; judge Rickard, 60-55.

Alex Madrid, 124, San Diego, was a majority winner over Alvero Gutierrez, 125, Tijuana, four. Both southpaws mauled and wrestled at close range, but it was always entertaining. Scoring: referee Russell, 39-38; judge Rustich, 40-37; judge Rickard, 39-39.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper

Dr. Jim Wilson, ringside physician

Fred Lewis, ring announcer

(11-08-84)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—** Marcos Villasana, 126, Acapulco, retained his Mexican featherweight title when Antonio De La Paz, 126, Mexico City, turned his back in surrender at 2:43 of the ninth in a scheduled 12. De La Paz (27-7-2) did not go down without a fight. He decked Villasana (32-3-1) in the fifth and hurt the champion in the eighth. Slightly behind on points, De La Paz fell apart when his badly swollen left eye busted open in the ninth. Unable to defend himself, De La Paz was nailed by several rights on the injured eye and lefts to the chin before retiring. Marty Denkin, referee.

Jorge Ramirez, 126, Los Angeles, stopped Cuco Alvarado, 126¾, Mexico City, in 2:22 of the fifth of a scheduled 10 to extend his unbeaten run to 15, seven straight inside the distance. Ramirez (13-3-3) floored Alvarado (14-3) in the fifth, referee Chuck Hassett jumping in when Alvarado nearly went down a second time.

Unbeaten Miguel Mercedes, 114, La Romana, Dominican Republic, won a 10-round split decision over much more experienced Antonio Escobar, 114, Culiacan, Mexico. A nice win for Mercedes, whose relentless forward march impressed the judges. Escobar countered cleverly. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 97-94, Escobar; judge Hassett, 97-94, Mercedes; judge Denkin, 97-94, Mercedes.

Gabriel Ahmad, 130, Los Angeles, won a debatable split verdict over Gustavo Lopez, 127, Los Angeles, in a very hard fought five. Southpaw Ahmad (1-1) was surprisingly talented. All-action Lopez makes a hit where ever he fights. Scoring: referee Filippo, 49-47, Ahmad; judge Denkin, 49-46, Lopez; judge Hassett, 49-46, Ahmad.

Daniel Rodriguez, 151, Bell, came back after a year's layoff to unanimously outscore Stacy Grant, 150, Los Angeles, four, all three officials scoring 38-36. Grant was floored twice in the second. Hassett, referee.

Genaro Hernandez, 126¼, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Martin Escobar, 128¾, Santa Monica, four. Hassett, referee.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper

Dr. Bernhardt Schwartz, ringside physician

Jimmy Lemmon, Jimmy Lemmon, Jr., ring announcer

(11-17-84)

►**RESEDA—Country Club—** Frankie Duarte, 120, Venice, unanimously outpointed Carlos Canchola, 118½, Santa Maria, over 10 thrilling rounds. Despite a nearly closed left eye, Duarte (35-5) maintained a very high work rate from the fourth. Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 100-93; judge Dick Young, 99-91; judge Gwen Farrell, 98-93.

Tony Chicoine, 176, Yorba Linda, TKO'd Gian Paulo Antic, 175, Oxnard, at 2:10 of the third in a scheduled four, referee Young's well-timed stoppage saving the inept first-time pro from further punishment. Muscleman Antic was down in the first.

Debuting amateur hotshot Sammy Mejias, 125¾, North Hollywood, was unimpressive in winning a unanimous decision over Rafael Gudino, 125¾, Santa Maria, four. Both missed with nearly every blow they threw, making the fight a lot closer than the scores would indicate. Referee Young was the only official who correctly marked a round for Gudino.

Alex Silva, 112½, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Antonio Ramirez, 110, Oxnard, four, all three officials scoring 40-35. Jordan, referee.

Alex Garcia, timekeeper

Jimmy Lennon and Jimmy Lennon Jr., ring announcers

Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician

(11-20-84)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

►**FT. LAUDERDALE—War Memorial Auditorium—**Steve Whetstone, 120, Homestead, Florida, knocked out Robert Gilbert, 124, Miami, with a left hook to the stomach in 2:25 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Bernie Soto, referee.

J.T. Thomas, 155, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd veteran Mao de la Rosa, 164, Dominican Republic, who could not come out for the third round due to a cut over the right eye. Eddie Echert refereed the scheduled eight.

Keith Jackson, 139, Coral City, Florida, halted Abel Vargas, 137½, Homestead, at 2:32 of the fifth round in a

scheduled six. Bernie Soto, referee.

Robert Daniels, 172, Miami, halted Larry Sanchez with one knockdown in 1:47 of the second in their scheduled six. Eddie Echert, referee.

Gilbert Colon, 166, Miami, outpointed Arnold Neal, 163½, Ft. Lauderdale, four. Eddie Echert, referee. The best fight of the night.

Ian (Hurricane) Ford, 135, Miami, stopped Paul Mingo, 134, Homestead, at 1:34 of the first round in their scheduled four. Eddie Echert, referee.

Ricky (The Hammer) Jones, 144½, Ft. Lauderdale, kayoed Vernon Lee, 146, Miami, with three knockdowns in 2:47 of the first round in another scheduled four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Promoter—Petey Scalzo, Jr.
Matchmaker—Norman Schulberg.
Attendance—400.
(10-24-84)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

►**PEORIA—Continental Regency**—Chuck McDowell, 176, St. Louis, TKO'd Francis Sargent, 180, Peoria, at 1:05 of the sixth round in the scheduled eight-round main event. A badly cut eye forced the stoppage.

Vernon Buchanan, 133, St. Louis, and Joe Starr, also 133, Chicago, drew in a terrific six-round contest.

Jeff Silva, 139, Sterling, Illinois, won a unanimous decision over Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss, 149, Omaha, Nebraska, six.

Tony Golden, 160, Milwaukee, won a unanimous decision over Mike Moore, also 160, Peoria, six.

Jeff McWhorter, 139, Racine, Wisc., won a unanimous decision over Scott Moore, 141, Peoria, six. Moore took a beating, but he kept on coming.

Elliott Hines, 170, East Peoria, won a majority decision over Collins Crews, 176, St. Louis, four.

Referees—Al Preslinger, Ed Stage.
Judges—Sterling Johnson, Mary Jane Russell.
Timekeeper—Al Termari.
Ring Announcer—Scott Miller.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Dan Huffman, Dr. Martin Sands.
Joltin Productions.
Attendance—660.
(11-09-84)

LOUISIANA

►**LAFAYETTE—Municipal Auditorium**—Shelton LeBlanc, 136, outpointed Anthony Bryant, 141, Nashville, Tenn., in a 10-round slugfest.

Roman George, 148, outscored Donald Varnado, 150, Mandeville, La., 10.

Darrell Savoy, 132, outpointed Reggie Dixon, 137, Beaumont, eight.

Kenneth Vice, 132, TKO'd James Sanders, Meridian, in three.

Bryan Rogers, 123, New Orleans, outscored Fred Batiste, 124, Lafayette, six.

Boyd Trahan, 132, outpointed Darren Neal, also 132, Beaumont, four.

Darren Van Horn, 142, TKO'd Richard Morris, 141, Lake Charles, in the second.

Referee—E.P. Shreve.
Timekeeper—George LeBlanc.
Ring Announcer—Rene Prejean.
Top Pro Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker—Nolton Menard.
Attendance—750.
(11-13-84)

MARYLAND

►**PIKESVILLE—Armory**—The dynamic young promotional group, Century Boxing, continued to keep the game alive in the Baltimore area with an excellent, competitive card. Reactivated and ontrack under new managers, Ray Ray Grey, 155, Cleveland, pounded out a unanimous win from comebacking Jeff McCall, 156½, Cincinnati, in a rugged eight. McCall wilted under Grey's body attack, and took and standing count in the fourth, but mustered enough to go the limit. Referee, Terry Moore.

Marvin McDowell, 146, Baltimore, split decisioned Kerwin Carter, 149½, Washington, D.C., in an all-action six. Late sub Carter was overmatched, but put up a yeoman effort. Referee, Ray Klingmeyer.

Vincent Pettway, 141¾, Baltimore, looked sharp in stopping James (Fire) Kier, 138, Craig Hill, Va., on his feet, at 2:47 of the third in a scheduled six. Referee, Frank Kelly.

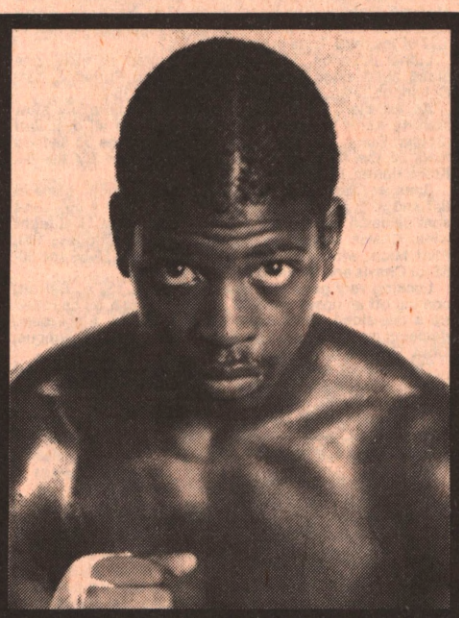
In the bout of the night, Georgie Brooks, 140, Lancaster, and Greg Keyes, 140, Baltimore, rumbled to a draw, four. Though Brooks appeared more talented, a flash knockdown scored by Keyes in round three spurred him on to pull even. Referee, Larry Barrett.

Joey Ferrell, 142½, Philadelphia, stopped arm weary Ted Dance, 140, Fayetteville, N.C., at 1:43 of the third in a scheduled four. No knockdowns. Ref, Barrett.

Southpaw Greg Hawkins, 137, Hyattsville, stopped Bert Tyner, 136, Baltimore, after three spirited rounds of a scheduled four. Tyner was behind, and had one eye closed. Ref, Harry Checcini.

In a girls' bout, Betty Garner decisioned Tayno (Rattler) Coleman, in four two-minute rounds. Ref, Checcini.

Promoter/matchmaker—Ralph (Yama) DeFelice, Elzie Street (Century B. A.).
Attendance—400. Gross—$4,000 (est.).
Judges—Tom Kelly, alternating referees.
Timekeeper—Izzy Bach.
(10-16-84)



Vincent Pettaway: c winner in his first main event. *Photo by Pete Goldfield*

►**PIKESVILLE—Armory**—Vincent Pettway, 140, Baltimore, won his first main event, when Thomas Baker, 140, Washington, DC, was disqualified at 1:25 of the eighth and final round. Normally a slick boxer, Baker made no attempt to fight within the rules, but wrestled, hit on the break and after the bell, butted, elbowed, hit low, and evne bit, until referee Larry Barrett was fed up. Baker explained his peculiar behavior by claiming it was retaliation for a weigh-in that he charged was rigged to favor the hometowner.

"I usually fight a clean and fancy fight," he said. "But he wasn't no 140 pounds like I was . . . He was big and strong, so I had to do something. When you're in the ring, you got to do anything to win."

Kelvin Seabrooks, 126, Baltimore, chased Chester Richardson, 127, Youngstown, Ohio, to win a unanimous verdict, eight. Referee, Ray Klingmeyer.

George Leach, 147, Washington, D.C., scored an upset unanimous win over Marvin McDowell, 147, Baltimore, six. Marvin was down in the second. Harry Checcini refereed.

Carney "Beep" Bowman, 150, York, Pa, was dropped twice in the second by Keith Martin, 147, Baltimore, but won a TKO at 2:47 of the third when Martin missed a sweeping left hook, careened through the ropes, out of the ring, and was unable to continue. Ref, Checcini.

Keith Grimes, 130, Baltimore, kayoed Rocky Gadson, 135, Flemington, N.J., down twice, at 2:15 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Klingmeyer.

In a girls' bout, Betty Garner, Baltimore, won a unanimous decision over Pam "Go Go" Jones, Tacony, Pa, four. Ref, Klingmeyer.

Promoter/matchmaker—Ralph "Yama" DeFelice & Elzie Street (Century B. A.).
Attendance—686.
Judges—Tom Kelly, plus alternating referees.
(11-14-84)

J. R. JOWETT

MASSACHUSETTS

►**BOSTON—Freeport Hall**—Promoter Jimmy Farrell's Thanksgiving Eve show drew approximately 700 fans, and was a qualitative success despite being shortened from six to four bouts. Late problems reduced the card from 32 rounds to a scheduled 24, and, eventually, 22 fast-paced rounds would take place, sending the crowd home satisfied.

In the eight-round main event, Hyde Park's Kenny Butler, 151, got a good if not too challenging workout. Butler kept constant pressure on Marcus Starks, 151, Hartford, Connecticut, and won a lopsided decision. Starks, who had lost to Butler a couple years back, looked a bit paunchy, and could never thwart Butler's hooking attack. Butler insisted on head hunting for the entire bout, when a body attack might have been more effective. Starks may have stolen the seventh round, only because Butler appeared to take a breather. The scoring: judge Robert McCoy, 79-75; judge George DeFillipo, 79-73; referee Tommy Collins, 79-76—all for Butler. Butler improves his record to 15-1; Starks falls to 10-11-2.

A six-round semi-final saw Roberto Hernandez, 153, Lynn, Mass., toy with young Ismael Negron, 148, Newark, N.J. Hernandez started slowly, sleeping through the first round completely, but, once he got underway, he thoroughly outboxed Negron. Unanimous decision for Hernandez.

Another six-rounder was a lightweight Tong War, with Somerville's Frank DiOrio, 134, slugging it out with Newark's Jesus Perez, 130. DiOrio's superior power took its toll, however, and Perez was given a standing eight count midway through the fourth round. Seconds later, referee Herb Weissblum halted the bout, with DiOrio pummelling Perez in a corner.

The opening four-rounder was an entertaining match-up of raw but aggressive bangers. John Rafuse, 140, Malden, Mass., had his hands full with Springfield's Paulino Falcone, 145. The best frame in this bout was the final round, when both youngsters let it all hang out in a torrid brawl. Rafuse won the unanimous decision.

Tommy Collins refereed Butler-Starks and Rafuse-Falcone; Herb Weissblum reffed Hernandez-Negron and DiOrio-Perez.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Francis Wixted.
(11-21-84)

JAY N. MILLER

MICHIGAN

►**GRAND RAPIDS—Ford Field House, Grand Rapids College**—The first Cedric Kushner fight card held in Grand Rapids brought home two native Grand Rapids fighters who had never had a pro fight in front of their hometown fans. Heavyweight prospect Tony TNT Tucker and former WBA junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather were in their glory.

Kronk heavyweight Tony (TNT) Tucker, 212, now fighting out of Detroit, pounded out a one-sided 10-round decision over the wiley veteran, Jimmy Young, 223½, Philadelphia. The 24-year-old youngster racked up his 25th win but picked up a few lessons from the aging survivor, who has been the distance with most of the top heavywights around. Young kept waiting for Tucker to tire out, but the energetic Tony kept unleashing his TNT attack from the beginning to the end. Tucker rocked Young around in the ninth and left the 34-year-old fighter cut on the left eye and bleeding from the mouth.

The Black Mamba, Roger Mayweather, 135¼, Grand Rapids, moved to 18-2 with a 10-round decision over Efrain Nieves, 135½, Grand Rapids. Nieves, 17-5-1, was dropped on a flash knockdown in the opening round, but came blazing back and actually took control over the tiring Mayweather in the closing three rounds. When the final bell rang, the former WBA champ was hanging on and looked exhausted. The judges scored the fight 97-94, 97-94, and 99-92 in favor of Mayweather.

A stunning upset shocked many people at ringside as Detroiter Shawn Thomas, 133, went on the attack and maintained control over high touted Jimmy Jackson, 132, Las Vegas. Jackson took this six-rounder as a tuneup for a scheduled ESPN title fight with Freddie Roach. Thomas, 11-1, jumped right on Jackson and battered him around the ring, winning a decision with scores of 59-55, 60-55, and 57-55. Jackson, 14-4, ended up battered, cut, and out of a title shot.

In a light heavyweight contest full of cannon fodder it was Charles (Prince) Williams, 173½, Grand Rapids, who fired the most accurate and hardest right hand bombs in his contest with Clarence Osby, 175, Milwaukee. Williams, 10-3-2, put Osby down in the first and pounded him until the bout was stopped at 1:03 of the second round. A dazed Osby, 11-5, opened up a cut over Williams' left eye just as the contest was stopped.

Four rounders: Willie McIntosh, 134, Grand Rapids, went to 13-14-3 with a TKO win at 1:55 of the second round over John Boggiano, 133½, Grand Rapids; three knockdowns. Johnny Battle, 136, Grand Rapids, made it 1-0-1 with a one-round technical knockout over Nkruma (Robert Brooks), 136½, Chicago, at the 2:28 mark. Staying undefeated was Gerald (Tank) Burnett, 147½, Chicago, who scared the daylights out of Myron Glasper, 149½, Detroit, trying to make his pro debut. Burnett, 4-0-1, threw a left hook that Glasper chose to stay down from at only 0:59 of the first round. The final four-rounder had Dwayne Sanford, 296, Detroit, winning his pro debut with a three-round TKO over an exhausted Raymond Bridges, 217, Flint. Bridges dropped to 1-3.

Cedric Kushner Productions.
Matchmaker—Jack Cowan.
Judges—Jack Richards, Sid Shank, Mike Fauble.
Referees—Bob Watson, Max Harrish.
Announcer—Sam Hooks.
(09-22-84)

►**DETROIT—Cobo Hall**—Sticking with the old adage that a short fighter should fight a tall fighter inside and with left hooks Pedro Montero, 132½, New York, pulled off a

stunning upset that may well have knocked former top contender Alvin (Too Sweet) Hayes right out of the top 20. Hayes had rolled up 22 straight wins including victories over Edwin Viruet, Davison Andeh, Forrest Winchester, and Brett Lally before being knocked out cold by USBA lightweight champ Jimmy Paul. The loss to Paul must have taken a lot out of Hayes because, prior to the Montero fight, he did not appear to have that invincible gleam in his eyes that he used to have. There seemed to be a shadow of doubt.

Hayes, 136¼, Detroit, controlled the first two rounds with his long left jab and hard right hand, but, in the third, a left hook visibly shook Alvin. A barrage of left hooks to the body and head rocked Hayes and had him in serious trouble until the bell saved him. Too Sweet regained control the following round and kept it until things really went sour for him in the eighth. Hard left hooks by the much shorter Montero again put Hayes in trouble, but this time two good rights and a left sent Alvin reeling backwards across the ring and into the ropes. Montero leaped upon him and pummeled him until Hayes was only held up by the bottom rope and it was ruled a knockdown. Instead of standing there for his eight-count, the dazed Hayes tried to dance across the ring, stumbled and fell into the ropes on the other side of the ring. Seeing this, referee Tom Briscoe stopped the contest at 2:01 of the eighth round. Hayes drops to 22-2. Montero improves to a reported 22-7.

In a second 10-rounder on the card, USBA lightweight champion Jimmy Paul, 136, Detroit, scored a 10-round decision over a very awkward Dwight Pratchett, 135¾, Gary, Ind. Paul controlled the contest throughout and dropped him with a right hand in the seventh. The Indiana fighter managed to get out of trouble and hang on until the final bell, when the judges awarded the contest to Paul with scores of 99-92, 99-92, and 100-89.

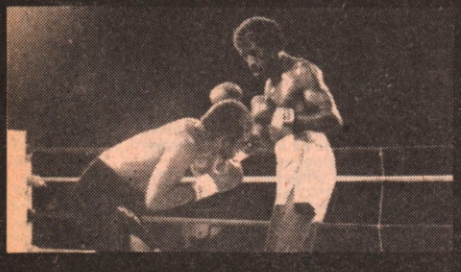
The best fight on the card had Joe Johnson, 141¾, one of the three fighting Johnson brothers from Detroit, score a dramatic knockdown and stoppage of Greg Shannon, 139, Altoona, Pa. It was a non-stop action fight that had Johnson, 6-0, handing Shannon, 2-1, his first defeat when the contest was stopped at 2:09 of the sixth and final round.

Rodney Trusel, 153¼, Detroit, ran it to 19-0 as a pro with a TKO stoppage of Woody Edwards (or Edward Woody, if you like), 152, Milwaukee, at 1:16 of the third canto. Woody is one of those fighters that you will commonly see listed under two names; both names appear to look like first names. Trusel put him to the mat twice, possibly once for each name.

Staying undefeated, Spencer (The Warrior) Chavis, 196, Dearborn Heights, knocked out Stan Johnson, 204, Milwaukee, with a left hook at 1:26 of the opening stanza. Johnson was a last minute sub. Chavis managed to shave 50 seconds off the time of their first confrontation in this second meeting with Johnson.

In two four-rounders, four youngsters made their professional debuts on this show. Andre Crowder, 198, Lima, Ohio, managed to survive a last round knockdown to pull out a four-round decision over Anthony Brown, 219, Detroit. The walkout fight had Steve Darnell, 158¾, Livonia, Mich., coming up with a last round knockdown to pull out a four-round draw with Eric Williams, 163½, Detroit.

Gold Circle Productions.
Matchmaker—Ross Barber.
Chief Inspector—James Cullen.
Judges—Sue Ann Denton, Bob Watson, Irving Saxs.
Referees—Tom Briscoe, Sam Williams, Bob Fisher.
Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.
PASS TV.
(09-27-84)



David Braxton (right) had little trouble disposing of Lopez McGee inside of two rounds.

►**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—This nine-bout card, put on by Gold Circle Productions, was held on the 78th birthday of one of Detroit's uncrowned royalty, Andy (Pop) Brown. The card had quite a few entertaining bouts on tap to keep the former lightweight sensation smiling. Heading the card was NABF super welterweight champion David (Machine Gun) Braxton, 156, Detroit, in a non-title bout against Lopez McGee, 157, Nashville, Tenn. Braxton looked sharp and crisp as he dropped McGeevin in the first and two times in the second en route to a TKO victory at 2:12 of the second frame. Braxton is expected to keep busy and ready for a shot at Mike McCallum's WBA junior middleweight championship.

Returning to the ring after over a year's lay-off, Bernard (Super Bad) Mays, 158, Detroit, managed to shake off some ring rust and stop a rough and tumble Tommy Rogers, 158½, Chicago, at 2:45 of the sixth inning. Although inactive for awhile, Mays still sports a 24-0-1 log.

Kronk heavyweight Tony Tucker, 214, Detroit, had no trouble at all in disposing of late fill-in O.T. Davis, 235, Miami, Fla. With the first decent flurry Tucker threw, Davis went down for the count in 1:58 in the opening round. "TNT" Tucker is now 26-0-1. He was originally tapped to fight Danny (Smiley) Sutton, the fellow that was involved in his "no contest" tiff in Nashville a year earlier.

The Butterfly had more sting than The Sting himself. Tyrone (Butterfly) Trice, 143¾, Detroit, dropped and stopped Anthony (The Sting) Bryant, 145, Nashville, with a right hand and then a flurry when he regained his feet at 1:17 of the third. Trice is now 14-1.

Lionel Johnson, 135¾, Detroit, scored an easy, one sided eight-round decision over Antonio Rutledge, 131, Columbus, Ohio. It raised Johnson's log to 15-2-1.

An excellent hard hitting affair had a normally slow starting Keith Vining, 179, Detroit, jumping all over Jeff (Spider) Curry, 182, Detroit, to stop him at the 53 second mark of the third canto. An impressive win for the 8-2 Kronk fighter. Curry dropped to 1-2.

Spencer Chavis, 194, Dearborn Heights, Mich., came in flat and with a cold, and luckily escaped with a six-round split decision to keep his pro log unmarked at 14 straight wins. Chavis topped Vernon (Bad News) Bridges, 190, Flint, Mich., with two judges scoring the fight 58-56 and 59-55 for Chavis and the third 58-56 for Bridges.

Looking very good was Shawn Thomas, 132¼, Detroit, coming off an upset win over Jimmy Jackson, as he rolled up a one-sided, 60-54 score on all cards for a six-round decision over James (Little Red) Jones, 130¾, Columbus, Ohio. Thomas is now 12-1.

The walkout contest was an excellent one, as two 3-0 Detroit youngsters collided. The surprising winner was Dwight Robinson, 149¼, who kayoed Joe Baker, 146¼, at the 1:24 mark of the third. A twist of fate for manager S. Roland Scott, who had never had one of his fighters stopped before. With Baker and Curry, he had two in one night.

Gold Circle Productions.
Matchmaker—Ross Barber.
Judges—Chip Acey, Randy Ericson, John Chaulk.
Referees—Bob Watson, Hugh Smithers, Bob Fisher.
Timekeeper—Ken Pace.
Chief INspector—James Cullen.
Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.
(10-24-84)

►**SAGINAW—Civic Center**—This was the first in a series of Ardore Promotions shows that will be held in the Tri-City area. Topping the card was the Bay City Boxing Team. Headlining were former IBF super middleweight champion Murray Sutherland, 168, Bay City, Mich., and state rival Joe Byrd Jr., 168, Flint. Byrd just wasn't in the same class with Sutherland and, although he managed to hold his own in the first two rounds, the third proved to be his undoing. Three times he was sent to the canvas by Sutherland before the contest was stopped via the automatic TKO rule at 2:38 of the round. Sutherland, who is still hoping for a rematch for the IBF super middleweight title, is now 44-11-1. Byrd drops to 10-4.

"Gentleman" David Jaco, 218, Toledo, fighting out of Bay City, scored an eight-round one-sided decision over Cornelius Benson, 285, Akron, Ohio. The judges scored it 80-72, 80-70, and 80-75 for the 17-1 Jaco. What was shocking was that Benson came in 50 pounds over his agreed on weight.

A one-sided junior welterweight bout had Glen Smith, 140, Bay City, take an eight-round decision via three 80-72 scores over the always game Anthony Travis, 143, Springfield, Ill. Smith improved to 14-1.

It only tooR three punches to the body and Martin Pierce, 168, Flint, put down Bennie Mac Simmons, 167, Akron, for the count in 2:04 of the opening canto. An easy win for the 11-1 Pierce.

Rob Reynolds, 138, Pontiac, Mich., went to 7-1 with a five-round stoppage over Jerry Tucker, 136, Chicago, at the 2:36 mark of their scheduled six-rounder.

Making a successful pro debut was George Brown, 147, Bay City, as he rolled up a solid four-round decision over Ernie Houser, 149, Detroit, who was also making his professional debut. The judges scored the contest 40-34, 40-36, and 40-35 in favor of Brown.

Not as lucky was another Bay City fighter making his pro debut. John McCullough, 152, Bay City, found himself on the losing end of a four-round decision to Steve Darnell, 154, Livonia, Mich. Darnell, 1-0-1, won with scores of 39-37, 40-36, and 39-38.

Rounding out the card, Vince Hopper, 176, Detroit, went to 2-0 with a four-round split decision over Bill Hollis, 175. The Pontiac southpaw warhorse dropped to 5-24.

Ardore Promotions.
Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.
(10-24-84)

►**RUSSELLVILLE—Russellville Ballroom**—Local youngster Charles (Arnie) Wells, 139½, Davison, Mich., headlined this excellent club card. There were nine bouts on this Motor City Professional Boxing card and just about everyone of them were good fights or interesting at the least. Wells was making his comeback after a lay-off for two operations on his nose, broken in his short and brutal clash with Charlie (White Lightning) Brown. Arnie used his rough and tumble style to score a 10-round decision over "Good Times" Henry Mobley of Chicago. After the second round, referee Joe Kitchen let the contest get out of control and it was an anything-goes bout that had Mobley, 139, standing right in there and giving it right back. Not a sterling boxing performance, but rampant action for the fans.

Dave (Kid) Guerra, 136, Flint, evened out his pro record at 6-6 with a shocking five-round knockout of Kirk Blakely, 139, Grand Rapids, Mich. Blakely has dropped all the way down from junior middleweight in a year and, although his record is now 3-8, he had never been stopped, much less put down for the count before.

Detroit heavyweight Dion Simpson, 220, did a rearrangement job on the ribs of Donnie (Pretty Boy) Townsend, 190, Columbus, Ohio, and drove him to the mat with a series of right hand bombs to the ribs that draped him out for the count at 2:55 of the third. Simpson, a former Tough Man winner, is now 14-0, including a win over Michigan heavyweight champ Tony Anthony.

Grand Rapids veteran warrior Willie McIntosh, 134, Grand Rapids, had luck with him as he evened out his record at 14-14-3 with a six-round majority decision over another veteran, Paul Graham, 131, Gary, Indi.

Vince Hopper, 177½, Farmington, Mich., made it three in a row with a four-round decision over Kelly Kroy, 173, Detroit, Mich. The contest saw both Hopper and Kroy, 0-2, put on the canvas.

A debuting light heavyweight from Detroit, "Jammin" Jeff Thompson, 176, scored a two-round TKO victory over Flint veteran Leonard Brandon, 179½, 1-9. Thompson put Brandon down three times.

A third light heavy bout had Dino Guzzi, 179, Rockwood, Mich., going to 4-0 with a hard fought four-round decision over debuting Rodney Craig, 173½, Detroit. This was a good, hard hitting, and aggressive affair, with Guzzi always attacking and Craig making an excellent showing in his first outing.

Ann Arbor amateur sensation Mike Johnson, 138, stayed undefeated as a pro as he TKO'd Zest Holmes, 140, Detroit, in 2:20 of the fourth. Johnson is now 3-0. Holmes is 0-5-1.

Another victorious newcomer was Brad Jeffries, 133, Detroit, who scored a four-round split nod over Kali Muhammad, 127, Detroit. Jeffries got off the mat to pull it out on the judges' scorecards over Muhammad, 5-6.

Motor City Professional Boxing.
Matchmaker—Bill Chrisman.
(11-09-84)

►**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—Hurley Snead, 119, Detroit, was the featured draw on this not-quite-up-to-par Gold Circle Productions card. It was not Snead that drew the greatest round of applause this night, but Olympic Gold Medal winner Steve McCrory. The two bantamweights took on two brothers, Alfred and Eddie Rangel, and walked away with a pair of two-round TKO victories.

Snead put Alfred Rangel, 120¼, San Antonio, Texas, on the canvas and stopped him on a small cut over his left eye at 2:46 of the second round.

McCrory, 118¼, Detroit, made it two in a row as a pro when he hit Eddie Rangel, 116, in the mouth with a right hand and Rangel turned his back on Steve, and went to his corner and knelt down. Referee Tom Briscoe stopped the bout at 1:15 of the second and gave McCrory a TKO win. Rangel, it seemed, had a tooth broken off, was trying to get it out of his mouthpiece, and had not intended to quit.

In a rematch of a bout that had been a Michigan featherweight title fight only five months earlier, the outcome was the same. E. Wade Costict, 133, Detroit, blasted out Kali Muhammad, 131½, Detroit, with a hard right hand at 1:23 of the third frame. Costict is now 12-2-1; Muhammad is 5-7. It is hard to believe that, in April, when Muhammad first signed to meet Costict for the title, he was 5-1.

Donald Bowers, 157, Detroit, ran his record to 18-1-1 with an unpleasant victory he could not help. His opponent, Terry (Choo Choo) Holmes, 164¼, Kalamazoo, Mich., claimed injury to his right arm, the one he had hurt in his previous match with Buster Drayton, and the bout was not allowed to continue. Twice in the fourth, he was dropped to his knee after landing a right hand, and, both times, referee Mary McDonald called them knockdowns to a chorus of boos and hoots from the audience. Finally, the bout was stopped at 1:44 of the fourth. Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, the Michigan Athletic Board of Control Chairman, said that Holmes would have to have his arm x-rayed and examined before he would be allowed to fight again. He also said that Kali Muhammad would have to undergo a catscan before he could return to the ring.

Jesse Benavides, 121½, now fighting out of Detroit for the Kronk Boxing Team, knocked out Ray Espinoza, 119¼, San Antonio, Texas, with a flashy left-right-left combination in 1:48 of the second.

The only fight that went the distance was a six-round decision by Dino Guzzi, 181¾, Rockwood, Mich., over James Churn, 184, Chicago. Guzzi, now 5-0, boxed his way to victory this outing.
(11-14-84)

DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

►**ST. PAUL—Prom Center Ballroom**—Highly ranked featherweight contender Bernard Taylor, 127, Knoxville, Tenn. won a unanimous 10-round decision over Pedro Montero, 126, Dominican Republic, now fighting out of New York.

Taylor went right after Montero at the opening bell, scoring well with shots to the head and body. Pedro started to come on a little in the third and stunned Bernard in the fourth round. Montero went into a crouch and fought off the ropes from the middle rounds to the end of the fight, but was not too effective with this strategy. There were no official knockdowns, but Montero was pushed out

of the ring in the final round.

The scoring was as follows: referee Denny Nelson, 98-92; judge Chuck Hales, 100-90; judge Leroy Benson, 100-91—all for Taylor. This reporter had it 99-92, Taylor. The record of Taylor is now 29-0-1; Montero dropped to 23-9-1.

In the co-feature, St. Paul's undefeated Brian Brunette knocked out Rudy Fuentes of Milwaukee in the second round. The two wasted no time, as they both threw solid punches from the opening bell. Fuentes' left jab held Brian off and solid punches to the head stunned Brunette, but Brian came on strong with his own barrage that prompted referee Leroy Benson to give Rudy a standing eight count.

Midway through the second round, Brunette scored with a left and two rights that dropped Fuentes along the ropes for a knockout at 1:10. Both weighed in at 145 pounds. Brunette upped his record to 18-0-0; Fuentes slipped to 9-3-1.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Michael Greer, 200, Memphis, upset the dope bucket by stopping Pisa Finai, 229½, Salt Lake City, in the third. Finai tried to put Greer away in the first, but couldn't. In the second, a right floored Finai and, in the third, a cut left eye caused ref Chuck Hales to stop the fight.

Billy Englund, 161, Duluth (7-1-0), decisioned Keith Banks, also 161, Indianapolis, six rounds.

David McCall, St. Paul (3-0-0), knocked out Kevin Brazier, So. Bend, Indiana, in the third round of a middleweight contest.

Ted Hatfield, 148, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and Mike Essett, 145, Indianapolis, were both disqualified in the fourth round for what was called "excessive fouling."

Saverino Garcia, St. Paul, halted Eddie Euhart, Lincoln, Nebraska, in the third round, featherweights.

Referee/Judges—Danny Nelson, Leroy Benson, Chuck Hales.

Promoter—Rising Ring Stars.

Attendance—1,400 (est.). Gross—$13,000 (est.).

Television—ESPN.

(11-22-84)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEVADA

►**RENO—MGM Hotel**—Alonso (Strongbow) Gonzalez, 112, Los Angeles, retained his NABF flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over Mario Savala, also 112, Sacramento, 12.

John Montes, 138, Whittier, Calif., knocked out Julio Geraldo, 138½, San Diego, in 1:31 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Dwight Davison, 162, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Ernest Rabotte, 162, Long Beach, Calif., 10.

Glenn Corbus, 150, San Jose, kayoed Martin Higuera, 151, Fresno, Calif., in 1:40 of the second round in their scheduled 10.

Alberto Gonzalez, 163, Carson City, Nevada, knocked out Larry Musgrove, 165, Los Angeles, in 2:26 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Vince Dunfee, 142½, Butte, Montana, kayoed Bobby Sinibaldi, 143½, Carson City, Nevada, in 0:35 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Referees—Mills Lane, Jay Nady, Norm Budden.

Judges—H. Santos, J. MacSweeney, Dalby Shirley, Doug Tucker.

Timekeepers—J. Rogers, Dan Connolly.

Ring Announcer—Francis Lickwar.

J. & J. Sports/Don King Productions.

Matchmarkers—Bobby Goodman, Ernie Fuentes, Johnny Mag.

Attendance—425. Gross—$4,945.00.

(10-17-84)

►**CARSON CITY**—Nicky Walker, 163½, Carson City, TKO'd Kenny Johnson, 160, at 2:04 of the third round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Alberto Gonzalez, 163½, Carson City, kayoed Darryl Hollowell, 165, Los Angeles, in 1:03 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Shaun Ayers, 168½, Carson City, won a unanimous decision over Dan Murnan, 168, Los Angeles, 10.

Guy Leyva, 129, Carson City, won a unanimous decision over Roy Muniz, 127, Denver, Colorado, five.

Referees—Norm Budden, Jay Nady.

Judges—Lillian Running Wolf, Keith MacDonald, Doug Tucker.

Timekeepers—Jim Carpenter, Dan Connolly.

Promoter—Robey Willis/Northern Nevada Boxing.

Matchmaker—Robey Willis.

Attendance—453. Gross—$4,704.00.

(10-30-84)

NEW JERSEY

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l.**—The long-awaited Doug DeWitt-Jimmie Sykes battle for Doug's ESPN middleweight crown was over almost before it got started. DeWitt, 158¼, Yonkers, who may develop into a real threat if he's not rushed, looked sharp. He showed side-to-side movement and precision countering against the rugged Sykes, 159½, Philadelphia, who, though dangerous, has only a forward gear. Maneuvering Doug onto the ropes, Jimmie set to throw a left hook when the "Cobra," as DeWitt is known, struck like his nickname. A short right drove Jimmie's head into a following left hook, which dropped him on the seat of his pants. Up and not terribly hurt, Sykes still had difficulty avoiding more of DeWitt's shots, and ref Tony Orlando stopped the scheduled 12, perhaps a bit quick, at just 1:54 of the first.

In the other half of an ESPN title double header, the vacant junior welter crown went to Lonnie Smith, 131½, Denver, over Frank Montgomery, 139¼, Philadelphia, 12. Though interesting, the bout did not offer a pleasing mesh of styles, both skilled boxers having good defenses. But the tall, straight-up Montgomery was mechanical, while the short, mobile Smith showed more imagination and flexibility. The bout was competitive for five rounds. Then Smith steadily pulled away, though Montgomery's defense kept Lonnie from putting his combinations together. Judges Lynne Carter and Frank Cairo voted 9-2-1, and Tony Castellano 10-2, all for Smith. Frank Cappuccino refereed. Green kid Montgomery, who suffered his first loss, was more impressed by Lonnie's elbows than fists. "... He was fighting dirty all night. I have to get tougher. I'm a nice guy in a bad guy's game."

Joel (Dynamo) Hum, 190¼, Erie, and Jim Leming, 186¼, Howell, N.J., ended in a technical draw, at 1:05 of the third in a scheduled six. Leming was giving Hum a rough night, but was severely cut by an unintentional butt. Since the bout had not gone three rounds, it was ruled a draw. Ref, Orlando.

Rocky Young, 128, Moundsville, West Virginia, outmuscled Godfrey Johnson, 125¾, Richmond, by unanimous decision, four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Randy Jenkins, 156, New York, outlasted Vernon Dawkins, 152, Philadelphia, by unanimous verdict, in a slam-bang four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

Attendance—400 (est.).

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(10-04-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Chilean Adolfo Medel, fighting out of Sunrise, Fla., made his first appearance outside home rings, and proved himself a fighter to watch. Medel, 136¾, gained an East Coast connection through manager Ed Gersh, a former amateur pupil of trainer Larry Kent. Not a physical brawler, but an effective stalker with a solid, two-fisted attack, Medel hammered out a unanimous verdict over Bobby Johnson, 134½, Easton, Pa., in an action 10. The once-promising Johnson claims to have given up being a "runner" by design, but it could be his legs are gone, and he needs to reassess his career. Though he peppered Medel with enough counters to nearly close Adolfo's left eye, he couldn't keep the Chilean away, and was worn down in blistering action. Left hooks staggered, then floored, Johnson in the final round, and it took a courageous effort for him to last the distance. Tony Perez refereed.

Earl Lewis, 203, Youngstown, was unimpressive, with a unanimous win over Mike Perkins, 208½, Hallandale, Fla., via Bronx, six. Thankfully, Mike didn't take the clobbering with which he's become all too familiar. Ted Pick refereed.

Journeyman Arthur Hall, 176½, Irvington, N.J., surprised Jim (Kool Aid) Jones, 179, Buffalo, with a K.O. at 2:01 of the sixth and last round. Jones was slightly ahead in a close, tough fight when, bombarded on the ropes, he became entangled for two "knockdowns," the second rendering him defenseless. Ref, Perez.

Sam David, 119, Phillipsburg, N.J., used a crunching body attack to pound difficult junk artist Thomas Elston, 121, Buffalo, via unanimous decision, six. Ref, Pick.

James Barham, 160, Philadelphia, after some tough losses, proved too much for Stew Burroughs, 157, Lambertville, N.J., in a scheduled four. Burroughs was poleaxed by a right, and TKO'd at 0:21 of the third. Ref, Perez.

In an uproarious four, Deano (Casino) Berkowitz (*nee* Dean Watt), 136¾, Mt. Holly, N.J., kayoed Charlie Briscoe, 133¾, Philadelphia, with a thudding right to the body, in 3:07 of the first. Deano's fans celebrated at length around ringside. Ref, Pick.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.

Attendance—1000 (est.).

Judges—John Stewart, Carol Castellano, Al DeVito.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(10-09-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—Developing youngster Kevin Moley showed good hands, but no head, in stopping trial-horse Bob West, after five rounds of a scheduled 10. Moley, 160½, Selden, Long Island, kept up a relentless attack, but missed more than he landed on the ducking and bobbing West, 159, Detroit. Kevin even tried switch-hitting, but never thought about the body. Only the sheer volume of punches kept West too busy ducking to mount his offense, and insured Moley that enough would get through. After a right to the body took the air out of West in the fifth, Kevin switched back to the head. But Bob made a fool of him—bobbing and slipping in a corner, then obligingly quit before the sixth round. Tony Perez refereed.

Hugh Currie, 221½, London, was beating the hell out of Jerry LaFlame, 197½, Fall River, Mass., in a huff-and-puff mauler, when LaFlame refused to come out for the sixth of a scheduled eight, claiming an injured hand. Tony Orlando refereed.

James Morgan, 148, Paterson, got a workout in winning a unanimous decision over veteran Juan Cantres, 148¾, Bronx, in an earnest, but dullish six. Ref, Perez.

John David Jackson, 155½, Bridgeport, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Felipe Montellano, 153½, Bakersfield, Calif., via Jersey City, six. Ref, Orlando.

Timmy (Holy) Moley, 137, Selden, scored a knockdown in the final round to win a hairline split decision over Matthew Jefferson, 135, Bronx, in an exciting four. Ref, Perez.

Terrence Simpson, 158½, Bronx, dropped Ali Bey, 160¾, Wilmington, in the third, and scored a solid unanimous win, four. Ref, Orlando.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).

Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.

Attendance—500 (est.).

Judges—Richard F. Murry, Tony Castellano, Wm. Kostrub.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(10-17-84)

◄**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Oscar (The Boxer) Muniz returned to the scene of his two memorable fights with Jeff Chandler, to battle for the vacant USBA super bantamweight crown against another Chandler opponent, Johnny Carter. Oscar, 121¾, Pico Rivera, California, came away with a close, but unanimous, decision over Carter, 121½, Phila., in a positive gem of a 12-rounder.

Defying the wisdom that two "boxers" are bound to provide a stinker, these two gave fans a hotly-contested, thrilling battle all the way, with just the right mix of defensive skill and precision punching. There was none of the wild scrambling that passes for expertise in an unschooled era. Carter started impressively, outsharping Muniz with razzle-dazzle that was surprising in the face of his inactivity of late. In the fourth, Johnny got on a roll and nearly fought Oscar to a standstill, rocking him with a right just before the bell.

But the more taciturn Muniz continued unruffled, starting to reach Johnny with one-two's when Carter's legs slowed in the fifth. After hotly-contested middle rounds, the fight was up for grabs, but Carter paid for his recent inactivity, fading in the stretch after Muniz switched to a punishing body attack. By the last round, Carter's legs were wobbly, andhe was unable to escape a charging Oscar. Carter was still ready to have his hand raised, and was crestfallen when he heard the scoring, judges Lawrence Wallace, Harold Lederman, and Frank Brunette did an incredible job on a close, tough fight. All tabbed it 115-113 for Muniz, with 10 of the rounds scored unanimously. Larry Hazzard refereed.

The anticipated return of exciting bomber Earl Hargrove, 156¼, Phila., proved a success, as he destroyed Miguel Sepulveda, 155¾, Chicago, at 2:04 of the third in a scheduled 10. New trainer Harold Johnson, the legendary former world light heavy champ, has Earl trying to box and discipline his assaults. While no ballerina, he did move behind the jab, set up his combos, and contain his attack more. But Earl did look a little uncomfortable doing so, and relished going into the trenches with the stationary Mexican bomber. It was during one of these moments, a furious exchange in the third, that Hargrove exploded a right over the top to catapult Miguel to the floor for the full count. Joe Cortez refereed.

Mike Picciotti, 154, Ridley Park, PA., floored a game "Dynamite" Joe Bradford, 153, Phila., in the first, then continued to batter him into the seventh, when Cortez rescued Joe at 2:06 of a scheduled eight.

Troy Fletcher, 116¾, Phila., boxed too well and did just enough to handle slugger Pepe Vasquez, 117¾, Hartford, for a unanimous win in a good six. Ref, Cortez.

Brian McGinley, 146½, Phila., was outboxed early by Doug Powers, 144½, Phila., but hurt Doug in the second, then came on to batter him and win a unanimous verdict over four. Ref, Hazzard.

Promoter—Tiger Eye Boxing & Peltz Boxing.

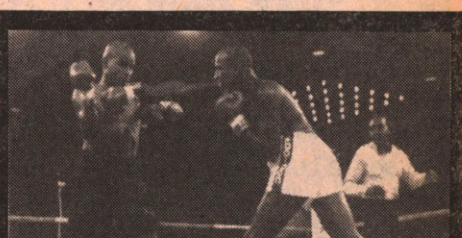
Matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.

Attendance—400 (est.).

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(10-22-84)



Francisco DeJesus (right) tosses a right at slippery Ernest Jackson on his way to a unanimous decision. ***Photo by Bill Muhlack***

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Two Brazilian invaders faced tough local opposition, and rose to the occasion. Francisco DeJesus, 154½, Sao Paulo, pounded out a unanimous win over Earnest Jackson, also 154½, Philadelphia, in a hard fought 10. Sleeper Jackson doesn't train seriously, and often fights on short notice, but is talented enough to separate the also-rans from the thoroughbreds. He nearly separated the Brazilian from his senses in the first, when he slipped inside the mechanical boxer's jab with a left hook and right cross that spun Francisco into the ropes. But the frail looking DeJesus proved tougher than he appears. He rung Jackson's bell with a right in the second, then went into the trenches to wear Earnest out. Jackson appeared finished when a left hook to the liver dropped him in the fifth. After a rough sixth, he somehow revived in the seventh, taking DeJesus to the final bell. Frank Cairo scored 8-2, Rocky Castellani 9-1, and Milo Savage 6-2-2. Rudy Battle refereed.

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In the companion 10, Tomas DaCruz, 132, Sao Paulo, kayoed Anthony English, 128¾, Camden, in 1:12 of the fifth. Tomas outboxed Anthony in the first four, but was staggered by a sneak right at the start of the fifth, and came close to falling. The slippery Brazilian boxed out nicely. Then English, desperate to regain his advantage, tried to step in with another bomb, but was met with a slingshot right that catapulted him to the floor, out cold, with one hand draped over the bottom rope. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Pop Robinson, 115¾, Phila., stopped rugged Jose Espada, 119, Reading, pummelled in a corner, at 2:55 of the third in a scheduled four. Ref, Battle.

Southpaw Tracy Spann, 135, Plainfield, exploded out for the first, and bombed away at a trapped Terry Coney, 132, Paulsboro, on the ropes, until ref O'Neil pulled him off at just 0:25. It was scheduled for four.

Eric Ferguson, 154¼, Philadelphia, wore out and TKO'd lefty Terry Pitts, 157¾, Phila., at 0:51 of the fourth and last round. Ref, Battle.

Promoter/Matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO, 1,500 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-23-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Ringsiders are beginning to wonder if Mike Tinley does it with mirrors. Not only is he self-managed, he may end up training himself as well, after a series of altercations with various cornermen. Yet despite this seeming self destruction, he continues to win, and is on the verge of a promotional deal that could lead to a title shot. In a rematch of a controversial split decision win, Tinley, 160¾, Camden, took a unanimous verdict over Robbie Sims, 159, Brockton, 10. Their first encounter was a wild shootout, see-sawing to a too-close-to-call finish. Sims still hasn't stopped complaining.

This time, a better disciplined Tinley gave Sims a boxing lesson. Robbie stayed busy in an exciting fight, but most of his punches were skillfully slipped or picked off. Those that got through were largely push-punches that lacked effect. Meanwhile, Mike carefully picked his shots, and landed the telling blows. Yet many, mistaking quantity for quality, saw it a close fight. After the sixth, Robbie called Mike a name. Then Tinley returned to his corner to hear trainer Leon Tabbs tell him he was behind. The fighter flared loudly, "I don't want none of that negative stuff. You'll ruin my confidence." He proceeded to punish Sims with rights in the seventh, and fired Tabbs the next day.

Though the decision seemed sure, Lawrence Wallace voted 5-3-2, and Joe O'Neil 5-4-1, while Frank Cairo had a more reasonable 7-3. Yet Robbie was again shocked and appalled by the verdict. "We really got screwed," protested manager Goodie Petronelli. "You fight a house fighter down here and you don't have a chance." Tony Perez refereed.

Unknown but unbeaten Eddie Hall, 158½, Uniontown, Pa., upset Iran Barkley, 160¼, New York, via split decision, eight. They had the perfect mesh of styles for mayhem. With equal punching range, speed, and disdain for defense, Hall's left hooks and Barkley's rights had each other ready to fall time and again. Yet each time, the stricken fighter would land a strategic bomb, and the pendulum would swing. The action was so exciting, each was rewarded with an extra $500. Cairo scored it 4-3-1, Barkley; Wallace 4-3-1, Hall; and Perez 6-2, Hall. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Cedric Parsons, 194, Halifax, Nova Scotia, dropped Tommie Stevenson, 209½, Indianapolis, in the third, and pounded out a unanimous win, six. Ref, Perez.

Kenny Willis, 138, Bridgeport, Conn., was too shifty for the flat-footed Keith Stevenson (no relation to Tommie), 136¾, South Shore, Ky., and won a close, unanimous verdict in a good six. Ref, Perez.

Slugger Lou Palumbo, 137¾, Brooklyn, beat boxer Greg Shannon, 141, Altoona, by a close but unanimous decision in an action four. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—800 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(11-01-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—After upsetting Harold Petty for the NABF bantamweight crown, Greg Richardson served notice he's ready for the cream of the division. Richardson, 118¾, Youngstown, scored a lopsided unanimous decision over former world flyweight champion Alfonso Lopez, 119¾, Taimiti, Panama, 10. No longer a serious contender, the short, stocky veteran showed his skills primarily in surviving. But Lopez had nothing to match the tall, long-armed Richardson's smooth boxing. Only in the sixth, when a lunging left hook opened an ample cut on Richardson's right eye, did Lopez seem a threat. But Greg reasserted himself by punishing the ex-champ in the next round, then walked home to an easy win. Zack Clayton refereed.

Vaunted ex-amateur standout Poncho Carter, 176¾, Augusta, GA, created a stir when he demolished tough Arthur Hall, 176, Irvington, in the eighth and final round of a bruising battle. Fighting like a robot, the granite-chinned Carter plugged forward with what must have been, to Hall, nightmarish monotony. Arthur bounced shots off Poncho's head to no avail, then wilted, and was dropped in the sixth, seventh, and finally the eighth, for a TKO at 1:26. Steve Smoger refereed.

"Dig-'Em-Up" Doug Davis was buried for the second straight time, when he was matched too tough on his return from a knockout loss. Davis, 150, Allentown, started sharp against Joe Summers, 151, Salem, N.J., but by the third round of a scheduled six, Doug was draped unconscious on the ropes and referee Clayton stopped it at 2:25.

John Freda, 173¼, Jersey City, stopped Ismael Gonzales, 172, Trenton, on his feet, at 2:25 of the second of a wild slugfest, scheduled for four. Ref., Smoger.

Randy Richardson, Greg's brother, 131¾, Youngstown, debuted with a unanimous win over Darnell Green, 130, Rahway, N.J., in a rugged four. Green was down in the second. Ref., Smoger.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum and Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO, 1500 (est.).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Ron Burns and Frank Cairo.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(11-13-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Manager Jimmy Hill is one of those "outside-looking-in" types, but won't stand still for it. Taking every opportunity to badger promoters, he has picketed some shows, handed out leaflets at others. Despite such treatment, Bob Arum gave one of Hill's fighters, Fred Pendleton, a shot on ESPN, but Fred muffed it, losing a unanimous decision to Adolfo Medel, 10. A slick boxer who has shown signs of developing into a contender, Pendleton, 137, Phila., held his own early with hot prospect Medel, 136, Sunrise, Florida. By the fourth, Medel's left eye was already closing. In later rounds, Fred lost his mobility, spending more time trying to shut down Adolfo's attack than mounting his own. Pendleton was grabbing and wrestling the last few rounds, while Adolfo roasted his ribs. John Stewart scored 6-3-1, Harold Lederman 7-3, and Tony Castellano 8-2, all for Medal. Larry Hazzard refereed.

The semi-final, scheduled for eight, was nearly legalized murder, as Gregg Edelman, 139¼, Merchantville, massacred Kato Wilson, 135¼, New York, at just 2:47 of the first. Both charged out anxious to fight, but Edelman completely took the play away, smashing one homerun ball after another off Wilson's head until ref Vinnie Rainone stepped in. Edelman looked sharp after struggling a bit in recent wins.

Gregg's arch rival, Mike "Machine Gun" Mungin, 145¾, Mt. Royal, N.J., had a tougher time, earning a majority nod over spoiler Kenny Willis, 140, Bridgeport, Conn., six. Nobody looks good against Willis, and neither did Mungin, who claimed a virus had weakened him. Only the difference in punching power seemed to sway it to Mike. Ref, Hazzard.

Prospect John Meekins, 138, New York, was too much for game Murray Frazier, 136, Phila., who was dropped twice and kayoed at 1:19 of the third, in a scheduled six. Ref, Rainone.

Steve Little (now calling himself "Sugar Ray"), 138¼, Phila., staggered Rasheed Ali, 140, New York, in the second, and went on to a unanimous win in a sloppy four. Ref, Hazzard.

Victor Claudio, 156, San Juan via New York, got an undeserved majority decision over Randy Jenkins, 158¾, Queens, four. Judge Stewart's 2-2 vote was correct. Ref, Rainone.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—400 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(11-14-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino**—One of the oddities of the sport is that a technically terrible fight can still be a masterpiece of drama and excitement. A perfect example was Buster Drayton's tenth and final round TKO of Tony Harrison. The unpredictable Drayton, 156¼, Phila., made an "easy" fight tough by swinging for the rafters all night, while the outgunned Harrison, 157, Okla. City, showed more heart than was good for him.

Buster almost made it a mismatch by charging out at the opening bell and dropping Tony with the first flurry of the fight. But the tone was quickly set, Drayton punching himself out, while Harrison battled back. In the third, Drayton was going for the knockout again when he got careless. A shaken Harrison fired a surprise right counter that floored Buster, nearly drilling him into the canvas. Drayton returned the favor in the fifth with a booming left hook, but again couldn't finish the game Harrison. By the eighth, Tony had fought himself into exhaustion, and was taking heavy punishment. Drayton was tired himself and took until the last round, when a haymaker right dropped the Oklahoman for the final time. Referee Joe Cortez waved it over without bothering to count.

Trevor Berbick, 218, Miami, pounded Walter Santemore, 241¾, New Orleans, like a heavy bag, for a unanimous win i a gruelling 10. This was no classic, with Santemore, sporting bloodshot eyes and about 20 extra pounds, offering little serious offense. Nevertheless, Berbick deserves good marks for hustling the entire 10, keeping his hands free, and Santemore under constant pressure. In the 10th, instead of coasting, Trevor tried hard for the KO, and had Walter in some trouble. Larry Hazzard refereeed.

Ray Mancini's manager, Dave Wolf, unveiled his new prospect, Louie Espinoza, 128¼, Phoenix, who stopped Elvin Gonzales, 130, New York, not out for the sixth in a scheduled eight. Espinoza wasn't terribly impressive, but managed a workmanlike job on the tough Gonzales. Ref, Hazzard.

Micky Duff also unveiled one of his latest acquisitions, John Munduga, 153½, Kampala, Uganda, via Tampa, who showed some promise stopping Tommy Rodgers, 157¼, Chicago, at 2:10 of the second round of a scheduled eight. Rodgers was dropped with one slingshot right. Ref, Cortez.

Tony Montgomery, 152¾, Phila., got a struggle from game Kimbrady Carriker, 151½, Darby, Pa., but finally dropped and TKO'd him at 1:55 of the fourth of a scheduled six. Ref, Hazzard.

Calvin Barnett, 149, Mt. Vernon, New York, scored a majority decision over Luis Anderton, 153, New York, in an unskilled but earnest four. Ref, Cortez.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—650 (est.).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Al DeVito and Phil Newman.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(11-28-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—James Green, 156, Irvington, N.J., who had lost his only 1984 outing—a February stoppage at the hands of John Mugabi—came back with that old "Hardrock" spirit and stopped Gary Coats, 156, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Green was all over the taller Coats from the beginning. Coats was dropped late in round six by a right hand when he was trapped in Green's corner. It was ruled over when Coats was not allowed out for round seven, and it goes into the books as a sixth round technical knockout in New Jersey. The bout was scheduled for 10 rounds. Ref was Joe Cortez. Green is now 19-4, 12 via knockout.

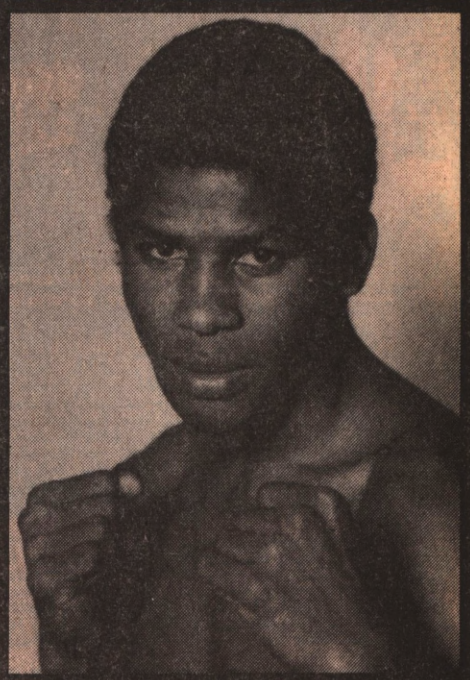
Switch-hitting Andres Tena, 124, New York, went to 14-1 when he halted game but outclassed Tony Coleman, 125, Trenton, N.J., at 1:11 of round six. Coleman was down in round two and twice more in the sixth before ref Rudy Battle stopped it. It was set for eight.

Hugh Currie, 215, London, England, made his second trip to A.C. even more successful than the first when he flattened Larry Robeson, 204, Chicago, at 2:22 of the first. One left hook and Larry was out before he even hit the deck. Scheduled for eight, the ref was Cortez.

Pedro Rivera, 137, Camden, N.J., scored a knockout over Wally Thomas, 138, Trenton, N.J., at 1:57 of round three. It was the only knockdown of the night. Scheduled for six, the ref was Battle.

Ozzie O'Neal, 145, Youngstown, Ohio, won a six-round unanimous decision over Sam Young, 145, Troy, N.Y. A good competitive no knockdown scrap refereed by Battle. Scores were all 4-2 by judges Al DeVito, Ray Hoagland, and Carol Castellano.

Promoter—Main Events
Timekeeper—Justin Bucchianico
(11-14-84)



Tomas DaCruz: on a roll in Atlantic City. photo by Pete Goldfield

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino**—They came out swinging and it made for an early night. Tomas DaCruz, 131½, Sao Paulo, Brazil, stopped Victor Flores, 130½, Philadelphia, at just 0:17 of round two. They were trading fairly evenly until late in round one, when one overhand right dropped Flores. Up at seven, he tried to hang on, but was floored again just before the bell. Flores had no legs on the return trip to his corner. He came out anyway, but was quickly down and, with no count, ref Tony Orlando waved it over. DaCruz, now developing a punch is on a roll since boxing regularly in New Jersey and raised his log to 16-1, eight via the stoppage route.

Juan Ramon Santana, 148, Camden, N.J., stopped Tom Moody, 147½, Columbus, Ohio, in round one. Actually, it was stopped between one and two by the ringside physician because he said it was a "mismatch." Moody was not down, but he was certainly battered around the ring by Santana. The ref was Randy Neumann. Scheduled for eight.

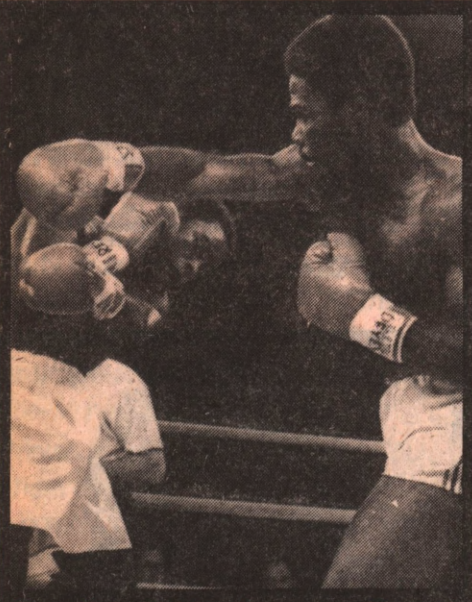
Kevin Watts, 162, Pleasantville, N.J., won an eight-round unanimous decision over tough guy loser Jerome Johnson, 161, Jackson, N.J. Scores: Frank Cairo and Phil Newman had it 6-2, while Frank Brunette saw it 7-1. No knockdowns; ref was Orlando.

John Bizzarro Jr., 137, Erie, Pa., stopped Dino (Casino) Berkowitz, 137½, Mt. Holly, N.J., at 0:50 of round two. Dino was dropped by a right in the second and ref Neumann later stopped this scheduled four-rounder.

Mark Marciano, 151½, South River, N.J., stopped James Dixon, 157¾, Phila. Mark was slowly taking command and, early in round three, Dixon suffered a nasty cut above the right eye. He was not allowed out for the fourth and final round. Ref was Orlando.

Tracy Spann, 134, Plainfield, N.J., halted Larry Watson, 136, Philadelphia. Watson was dropped by a body shot in round one by his southpaw foe. He made it to his feet, but was in no condition to come out for round two, so this scheduled four was ruled over after round one. Ref, Neumann.

Promoters—Don Elbaum, Teddy Menas.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucchianico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(11-20-84)



Myron Taylor (right) on his way to an 8th round TKO over Jeff Whaley. Photo by Goldfield

◄**ATLANTIC CITY—The Sands Hotel-Casino**—Simple wear and tear caught up to the smaller (and four day fill-in for Kenny Baysmore) man, as Myron Taylor, 126, Phila., stopped a game but out-sized Jeff Whaley, 119, Detroit, at 1:44 of round eight in a scheduled 10. Whaley was dropped twice in that round and upon the second knockdown, referee Frank Cappuccino immediately halted matters. Taylor, after dropping two important bouts, has come back with two straight wins, raising his record to 20-4-1, 11 kayoes.

In a slam-bang crowd pleasing semi, Tyrone Booze, 175, Hartford, Ct., came to the lions den and got a draw over 10 with house fighter Tim (TNT) Broady, 170½, Brooklyn. Never mind that there were no knockdowns, the action sure enough made up for that. The scores: Harold Lederman, 5-4-1 for Booze; Lawrence Wallace, 5-4-1 for Broady, and Frank Brunette, 5-5. *The Ring* saw it 6-2-2, Booze.

Even though Broady may have landed the harder individual blows, Booze caught many on his arms and gloves, while Broady's wide open defense made him an easy mark for the supposedly weaker hitting Booze, who had Tim's head bouncing on several occasions. Each participant gutted it out through the entire thirty minutes and you can't ask for anything more than that. The referee was Vinnie Rainone.

In a mild upset, Marcus Jackson, 175, Hartford/Phila., edged Artie (Moose) McCloud, 174½, Phila., via an eight round split decision. The slight difference here was the left hook knockdown Jackson scored in the opening round. Scores: Lederman 4-4 (36-35 in points to Jackson) Wallace, 4-3-1 Jackson (which *The Ring* agreed with) and Brunette cast the minority vote of 4-3-1. The referee was Rainone.

In a pair of fours, Dom Parris, 160¼, Phila., went to 8-0 with a unanimous decision over comebacking George Rodriquez, 155, Vineland, N.J. George was down in round two, in what was a good scrap, refereed by Cappuccino.

Felipe Parrilla, 140½, The Bronx, knocked out Tony Baldwin, 141, Brooklyn, at 1:28 of round two. The usually tough but losing Baldwin could not quite beat the count of referee Cappuccino in the bouts lone knockdown.

Promoter—Peltz and Tiger Eye
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski
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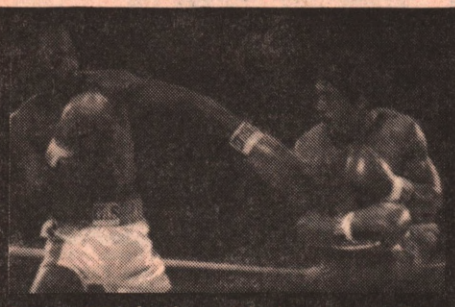

Former WBC featherweight boss Juan LaPorte (right) had to struggle to outpoint Dwight Pratchett in his first start since losing the title to Wilfredo Gomez. Shelton Minor

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►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Former WBC featherweight champion Juan LaPorte, 131, Puerto Rico, struggled to a unanimous decision over Dwight (Too Tough) Pratchett, in the 10-round main event. Referee Paul Venti let Dwight hug and hold all night.

Scoring: Leo Dazzo, 6-3-1; George DeGabriel, 6-4 (7-4 in points); Ted Wint, 7-3. Pratchett was down in the ninth. LaPorte is now 24-5 with 13 kayoes. Pratchett is 10-5 with four knockouts.

Carlos (Rocky) Hernandez, 210, Union City, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Dave Jaco, 210½, Bay City, Michigan, in the 10-round co-feature. Scoring: Dazzo, 10-0; DeGabriel, 8-2; Wint, 7-3. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Ricky Young, 139½, Brooklyn, won a unanimous (8-2, 6-4, 8-2) decision over Bryant (King) Ware, in another 10-round bout. Ware was down in the eighth session. Paul Venti, referee.

Horacio Perez, 160, New York, knocked out Juan Alfredo Ubiedo, 159, Entre Rios, Argentina, in 2:40 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Bill Tate, referee.

Darnell Knox, 154, Detroit, TKO'd southpaw Jose Fuentes, 152, Jersey City, at 1:03 of the fifth round in their scheduled eight. Knox was down in the third canto, Fuentes in the fourth. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Miguel Escalera Alvarez, 120, New York, won a unanimous (all cards 3-1) decision over Roberto Fernandez, 121, Santo Domingo, four. Carl Schroeder, referee. Fernandez was down in the second.

Edward O'Boyle, 153½, Bayside, New York, won a split decision over Mike Pomales, 150, Newark, four. Scoring: Dazzo, 4-0, O'Boyle; DeGabriel, 3-1, Pomales; Wint, 3-1, O'Boyle. Harry Smith, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Dr. Marvin Goldberg.
(11-14-84)

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►**PHILADELPHIA—Champ's Camp**—What may unfortunately be the last show of the series was promoted at this combined gym and small club arena. Despite excellent cards, a real following has failed to develop, and the promoter is looking elsewhere. Two house fighters got easy wins in co-feature eights. Myron Taylor, 125½, Phila., needing a confidence builder after tough losses in major bouts, got a laughter in grab-and-jive survival artist Thomas Elston, 124, Buffalo. Though Elston provided no offensive threat, he did manage to stand up and give Taylor a workout, losing a unanimous decision. The most excitement came after the fifth round, when the bout had to be delayed because a fan suffered a coniption, drawing the doctor away from ringside. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

In the other eight, Broderick Mason had what would have been a major test against Pat Cuillo fall through for the second time. Pat never showed for the weigh-in, and hasn't been seen since. Mason, 192, Phila., landed one right to drop and stop someone posing as Garland Hall, 184, Phila., at 2:00 of the first. The loser did not appear to be the same Garland Hall who fought recently in Wilmington. Perhaps it was another opponent-type from the same stable? Ref, Sgrillo.

Richie Galdo, 141, Fishtown, kayoed stiff Maurice Young, 146, Phila., who dropped from a left hook, then watched, clear-eyed, as ref Dan Bucceroni counted him out at 1:41 of the first in a scheduled four.

In a rock-'em, sock-'em brawl that raised the roof, Joe Morrone, 166, Phila., hammered Ismael Gonzales, 170, Trenton, for a unanimous win, four. Ref, Bucceroni.

Nate Godbolt, 158, Phila., took a close, split verdict over Ray Daniels, 159, Phila., in a good four. Ref, Sgrillo.

And two veteran "opponents," nearly always matched to lose, provided the night's best bout against each other. Ra'Sean Parker, 161½, Phila., needed a last-round knockdown to barely eke out a majority nod over Darnell Smith, 160, Phila., four. Ref Bucceroni.

Promoter—Barry Shapiro.
Matchmaker—Lee Schley.
Attendance—300, $3000 (est.).
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Al Morris and Bob LaGuardia.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(10-26-84)

►**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Andre Sharpe Richardson, in his first main event, took a chance against dangerous Joey Soler, and came out a winner. Richardson, 142, Philadelphia, started predictably strong, but couldn't dent the tough Soler, 145, Brooklyn. Doubters wondered what would happen after the first few rounds. But while Joey came on and gave Andre his roughest night, he never could take command. A fired up Richardson mounted a stretch drive to nail down the unanimous win, eight. Tommy Cross and Al Morris both scored 38-34, Carol Polis 39-34. Referee, Tommy Reid.

In the co-feature, scheduled for eight, Tony Thornton, 161, Glassboro, N.J., scored a repeat TKO over "Pinky Sixguns" Gordon, 160, Wilmington, at 1:49 of the second. Gordon was staggered during an aggressive exchange, never got untracked, and was pounded along the ropes until ref Joe O'Neil stopped it.

The prelims pitted almost all kids with losing records, and they put up excellent efforts. Doug Powers, 144, and Rick Henderson, 140, both Philadelphia, brought the house down in a blazing four. The psyched-up Powers, who played to the frenzied crowd between punches, pulled out a majority decision on sheer determination. Ref, Reid.

Greg Tutt, 149, Philadelphia, looked sharp, knocking out Ray Surratt, 149, Reading, with one knockdown, in 2:24 of the first in a scheduled four. Ref, O'Neil.

Curtis Adams, 133, Germantown, reversed a bad decision loss, with the same three judges, scoring a unanimous win over Tony (Electric) Raysor, 136, W. Oak Lane, in an exciting four. Ref, Reid.

Sidney Outlaw, 155, Philadelphia, scored a repeat win over Nate Godbolt, 161, Phila., by unanimous verdict, in an action four. Nate suffered a fluke knockdown in the first. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sand/Box Promotions).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—750. Gross—$7,000 (est.).
Timekeeper—J. P. Mina.
Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(10-30-84)

►**BUSHKILL—The Inn at Fernwood**—Sporadic promotions have been presented in the Pocono Mountains resort area, largely in anticipation of legalized gambling. None has been a major success, nor repeated. Still another promoter gave it a try, but sputtered a bit. Though the main event was excellent, an undercard hastily arranged in the wake of pullouts produced mostly knockovers for the ticket sellers. Deputy commissioner Chuck Bednarik banned several of the losers.

Sam David, 119, Phillipsburg, N.J., and James Tolliver, 115½, Cleveland, saved the show, as they battled tooth-and-nail to a majority draw over eight. In a fine boxer (Tolliver) vs slugger (David) matchup, neither was able to gain a decided advantage for even a round. Judge Chris Kirias scored 36-36, and Jack Castellani 37-37, while Phil Bosha saw it 38-36 Tolliver. Hank Cisco refereed.

David Barrow, 159, Phila., scored a solid TKO over Leon Fulton, 161, Phila., who was down in the first and battered in a corner when Cisco rescued him at 0:40 of the second in a scheduled six.

Tom Mazzeo, 147½, Warminster, TKO'd lifeless retread Wyatt Simkins, 142½, Phila., who fell down twice, at 1:59 of the second in a scheduled four. Ref, Cisco.

Gustavo Lopez, 134, Lancaster, TKO'd stumblebum Asim Abdul (Ron Super), 135, Phila., who tripped over his own feet twice in the first, and three more times by 2:31 of the second in a scheduled four. Buddy Rush refereed.

Todd Englehart, 156¼, Lebanon, TKO'd Charlie Johnson (Bob Saxton), 160, Phila., at 1:19 of the third in a scheduled four. "Johnson" at least tried, but "The White Knight," as blonde Englehart is known, was too strong, and dropped him with a left hook. Rush refereed.

Bob Rooney, 146, Phila., returned after several years, scoring a unanimous decision over Quentin Blackman, 147, Phila., four. Rush refereed.

Joe Bizzaro, 166, Erie, dropped and TKO'd nothing much in Rodney Ferguson, 169, Phila., at 1:23 of the second in a scheduled four. Referee, Rush.

Promoter—Joe Verdier (Pocono Mtn. Boxing).
Matchmaker—Ken Hissner.
Attendance—400, $5500 (est.).
Timekeepers—Ed Pisotski, Bill Reese.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
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TEXAS

►**HOUSTON—Summit**—Melvin Paul, 135¼, New Orleans, won a split decision over Primo Ramos, also 135¼, El Dorado, Mexico, in the 10-round main event.

There were no knockdowns. Paul won by 96-94 scores on two of the judges' cards; the other judge scored it 97-94, Ramos. "I thought I won the fight," said Paul, "but I didn't know if I would get the decision because Ramos is the hometown guy. He's a very tough boxer who belongs in the top 10."

The fight, aggressively fought, brought the crowd to its feet on several occasions. Paul is now 20-4.

Othal (Choo Choo) Dixon, 141½, Houston, halted Charles Allen, 142½, Tyler, Texas, in the scheduled 10-round co-feature. The ringside physician stopped the bout after the fourth round after Allen's jaw had been broken. It goes down as a TKO at 0:01 of the fifth. Dixon is now 12-0. Allen is 16-8.

Cedric Rose, 144, Houston, knocked out Rickie Buquo, 145, Houston, in 1:04 of the first round in a scheduled six. Rose is now 9-0. Buquo is 6-7.

Mario L'Esperance, 127¼, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Rafael Rodriguez, 127, Dallas, six. L'Esperance is now 6-0.

Frank Stambaugh, 140, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Jose Sosa, 138½, Harlingen, Texas, four. Stambaugh is now 3-0. Sosa is 1-1-1.

Chuck Walker, 167¼, Cut-'n'-Shoot, Texas, TKO'd debuting Frank Pollard, 166½, Houston, at 1:14 of the fourth and final session. Walker is now 4-1.

Rogelio Lopez, 134½, Harlingen, won a majority decision over Derwin Richards, 132, Houston, in the four-round curtain raiser.

Referees—B. Yeates, B. Gonzales.
Judges—Bob Martin, Tony Silvas, Elias Sanchez.
Timekeepers—J. Joerns, Tommy Ferris.
Ringside Physicians—Drs. Andrews, Bransford.
Houston Boxing Association.
Gross—$20,972.
(11-16-84)

►**HOUSTON**—Rafael Ortiz, 144, Mexico, TKO'd Ronnie Ford, 143½, at 1:58 of the fourth round in the scheduled eight-round main event.

Kenneth Sheppard, 143¾, won by a disqualification over Tony Benson, also 143¾, at 2:52 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Reggie Johnson, 159½, kayoed Richard Fillitelli, 162, in 2:24 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Clarence Brown, 145, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Perez, also 145. Everett Martin, 183, won a unanimous verdict over John Rice, 181. Jack Lucious, 157, knocked out Benjamin Williams, 154½, in 2:45 of the fourth and final session. Dwain Lockman, 155, won a unanimous nod over Barry Boatwright, 157¼. Ramon Sosa, 133, won a majority duke over Reymundo Nino, also 133. Jason Watters, 138, TKO'd Darren Neal, 132, at 0:58 of the fourth and final round.

Referees—B. Yeates, B. Gonzales.
Judges—Roy Auld, Terry Daniels, Tony Sechelski.
Timekeepers—J. Joerns, T. Ferris.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Bransford.
Promoter—Mark E. Pebley.
Gross—$4,305.
(11-17-84)

►**CORPUS CHRISTI**—Roberto Elizondo, 138, Corpus Christi, TKO'd Anthony Murray, Nashville, Tenn., at 1:15 of the eighth round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Frankie Warren, 142, won a unanimous decision over former USBA junior welterweight champion Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez, also 142, 10.

Chris Silvas, 131½, TKO'd New York's Fernando Ortiz, 130¾, at 2:32 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Adam Franco, 130¾, won a technical decision over James Cleveland, 130½, when their scheduled six was halted at 2:47 of round five.

Salvador Belmontes, 146½, knocked out Gilbert Guerra, 151½, in 2:46 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Referees—D. Avilos, J. Avendano.
Judges—A. Iglesias, B. Melberg.
Timekeeper—Rudy R. Rivera.
Ringside Physician—Dr. García.
Promoter—Richard Hayley.
Attendance—984. Gross—$15,134.
(11-16-84)

VIRGINIA

►**RICHMOND—2001 Club**—John Jarvis, 156, Richmond, TKO'd Fighting Jim Richards, also 156, billed out of New York City, at 2:32 of the second in the scheduled 10-round main event. Jarvis, now 18-0, looked sharp in landing with short punches.

Billy (The Kid) Wyatt, 150, Mechanicsville, Virginia, TKO'd Lynn Robinson, 151, Hampton, Va., at 2:12 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. A hard left to the body halted Lynn.

Keith Grimes, 134, Baltimore, TKO'd Vandall Lawson, 136, Washington, D.C., in the third round of a scheduled four.

Larry Brown, 148, Lynchburg, Va., won a unanimous decision over Kerwin (Hurricane) Carter, 150, Washington, four.

Oliver Brown, 152, Richmond, made his pro debut by knocking out John Keys, 156, Baltimore, in the second round of their scheduled four.

Nathaniel Hart, 165, Lynchburg, won a majority decision over Keith Hunter, 163, Richmond, four.

An exciting, well run, show.

Referees—E. Green, A. Rothenberg.
Judges—V. LaPrade, G. Rimler.
Timekeeper—B. Nebiker.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Mainfort.
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(10-29-84)

KEN BALTER

EUROPE

BELGIUM

►**GILLY**—Former Spanish lightweight champion Jose (Kid) Garcia and Moussa Sangare, Mali, drew, eight.
(10-05-84)

►**LEVAL-TRAHEGNIES**—Francisco Rodriguez won the Benelux light welter title by outpointing Andre Blanco, 10. The 23-year-old Rodriguez has lost only one of 16 bouts.
(10-12-84)

►**MIDDELKERKE**—British light middleweight Darwin Brewster outscored Franky Decaestecker, eight.

Romain Mianzuela halted Juergen Broszeit in three. Mianzuela, a light middle, is now 19-0-2.

Fernando Blanco outpointed Salvatore Pisani, six, light welters.

Eddie Vandenhouweele knocked out Henryk Seys in round two. Seys, a light heavy, was out for 10 minutes.
(10-13-84)

►**ST. JOSSE-TEN-NOODE**—Bechir Chaarane stopped Diego Martines in round one, light middles.
(10-19-84)

FRANCE

►**DRAISON**—Jose Maillot stopped M. Boundka in six, lightweights.
(05-04-84)

►**NICE**—R. Bankeu halted D. Rahou in round three, light middles.
(05-04-84)

►**BOULOGNE**—Majid Harid outpointed P. Maliba-Kibassa, eight, light welters.
(05-04-84)

►**ST. BRIEUC**—Anaclet Wamba outscored Ali Lukusa, eight rounds, heavies.
(05-05-84)

►**HUSSIGNY**—Jean Vincent Santoncini stopped Jose Bastient in three, light middles.
(05-05-84)

►**ALLONNES**—Abdul Arik outscored Jesus Matilla, eight, light welters.
(05-18-84)

►**CAUDEBEC**—Patrick Heitz outpointed Andre Blanco, eight rounds, lightweights.
(05-18-84)

►**BOURGES**—Paul Chabenat outpointed Jean-Paul Guillard, six, bantamweights.
(05-25-84)

►**BASTIA**—Abdul Ba outpointed Dominique Cesari, eight rounds, featherweights.
(06-01-84)

►**ST. NAZAIRE**—Jean-Paul Guillard outscored J.P. Guyomarch, six rounds, bantamweights.
(06-15-84)

►**BORDEAUX**—Unbeaten lightweight prospect Alain Simoes outpointed Andrea Ricci, Italy, eight.
(06-15-84)

►**CANNES**—Jose Maillot and Tony Vivarelli drew, six, lightweights.
(06-15-84)

►**CREIL**—Norbert Alcade outpointed J. Benmeziane, six, lightweights.
(06-30-84)

►**MARSEILLES**—Tunisian heavyweight prospect Toufik Balbouli outpointed Rinaldo Pelizzari, Italy, eight.

Tunisian born Frenchman Alain Limarol outscored Italian flyweight Mario Bitetto, eight. Limarol is a miniature tank.
(07-06-84)

►**PESSAC**—Alphonse Matoubela kayoed Joel Narcam in the sixth, light middles.

Alain Simoes overcame the flu to outpoint Antonio Secci, eight rounds, lightweights.
(10-12-84)

►**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Former French welterweight champion Brahim Messaoudi stopped Jean-Louis Coquin in six.

Yvon Segor halted Aldo Curti in round two, light middles.

Amsoua outscored Franco Martucci, six rounds, middles.

Gilles Coisne outpointed Abdou Ba, six, light welters.
(10-12-84)

►**ANTIBES**—Former European light heavyweights champion Richard Caramanolis halted Sergio Bosio in two. Caramanolis is now 27-1.

Southpaw Andre Mongelema outpointed veteran Gratien Tonna, 10.

Ahmed Kechiche outpointed Gilles Blandin, six, light welters.

French lightweight champion Frederic Geoffroy halted Abdel Marbi in round seven. Geoffroy is now 12-1, the loss coming on a cut eye to Marbi in their first bout.

Tony Vivarelli stopped Carlos Foldes in the fourth round, junior lightweights.
(10-12-84)

►**PARIS**—Joel Brival halted Claude Lancastre in the seventh, welters.

Akim Zeroual outscored Patrick Garcia, six, light middles.
(10-15-84)

►**TOULON**—Sammy Meck outpointed Robert Forneris, eight rounds, junior lights.

Mohamed Lazmany outscored Julien Segly, eight, junior welters.
(10-19-84)

►**ORLEANS**—French featherweight champion Farid Gallouze outpointed Luis de la Sagra, Spain, eight.
(10-20-84)

►**CALAIS**—Thierry Jacob outpointed Lionel Jean, six, bantams.

Bruno Jacob outscored Patrick Van Gaver, six rounds, featherweights.
(10-20-84)

HOLLAND

►**DEN BOSCH**—Heavyweight Maik Krol won by a disqualification over Rudi Gauwe in the fourth round, heavies.

Damien Marignan outpointed Andre Van Den Oetelaar, six rounds, heavyweights.

John Van Elteren kayoed Marnix Heytens in the third round, middles.
(10-01-84)

ITALY

►**PONTE NUOVO**—Francesco Tritto outpointed Jesus Da Silva, six rounds, junior lights.

►**ROME**—Pasquale Lanzellotto stopped Andre Ricci in the third round, lightweights.

Carlo Medici halted Bbeke Kaolola in two, light welters.

Spartaco Verna and Giorgio Frigerio drew, six, light middles.
(06-29-84)

►**FROSINONE**—Giuliano Antonucci outpointed Mauro Da Cruz, eight rounds, light middles.
(06-30-84)

►**MILAN**—Junior featherweight Valerio Nati outpointed Manuel Santos, Puerto Rico, eight.

Flyweight Franco Cherchi outscored Julio Osorio, Puerto Rico, eight rounds, flyweights.

Unbeaten light middleweight Giuseppe Leto kayoed Domenico Raucci in the first round.

Stefano Bonetti outpointed Nazario Mariotti, six, light middles.
(07-02-84)

►**PERUGIA**—Gianfranco Rosi won the vacant European welter title by outpointing former WBC junior welterweight champion Perico Fernandez, 12. Rosi won the unanimous decision with scores of 120-112, 120-109, and 120-110. A cake walk.

Yawe Davis and Lutshadi Mudimbi drew, eight rounds, light heavies.

Sumbu Kalambay outpointed Rico Hoye, eight, middleweights.

Giuseppe Cali stopped Aldo Gesualdo in five.
(07-07-84)

►**AVEZZANO**—Juan A. Barreyro of Uruguay outpointed Omar Kader, Argentina, six, light heavyweights.

Italian heavyweight Cesare Di Benedetto halted Fred Voltine in the first session.
(07-08-84)

►**CAPRANICA**—Middleweights Paul Muyodi and Mabobo Kamunga drew, six.
(09-01-84)

►**FANO**—Santiago Alvarez outpointed Tomas Da Silva, six rounds, junior lights.

Former Italian light middleweight champion Daniele Zappaterra stopped Donato Romano on a cut in round seven.

Claudio Tanda halted Umberto Morri on a cut, bantams.
(09-05-84)

►**NAPLES**—Patrizio Oliva retained his European light welter title by outpointing French champion Tek Nkalankete, 12.

Sam Serunjogi stopped Malanda Kianda in the third, light welters.

Museta Bingunia outpointed Sammy Meck, eight

rounds, junior lights.

Vinceno Limatola stopped Fabrizio Saraullo in two, junior lightweights.
(09-05-84)

►**LODI**—Ley Umba outscored Carlo Quintano, six rounds, featherweights.
(09-07-84)

►**CASSINO JONIO**—Gennaro Mauriello retained his Italian light heavyweight title by outpointing Walter Cevoli, 12. Scores were 117-115, 116-113, and 117-117 (majority decision).

Eupremio Epifani outpointed Piero Spadaccini, six, light middleweights.

Stefan Bonetti outpointed Mayele Mabele, six, light middles.

Yawe Davis outscored Lutshadi Mudimbi, eight, light heavies.
(09-11-84)

►**CAGLIARI**—Italian lightweight champion Sebastiano Sotgia outscored Sam Serunjogi, eight.

Marco Cipollino outpointed George Ssonko, six rounds, welters.

Ferruccio Robello outscored Ubaldo Bettini, six, light middles.

Calisto Bavaresco and Nazario Mariotti drew, eight rounds, light middleweights.
(09-15-84)

►**VIETRI**—Salvatore Bottiglieri retained his Italian featherweight crown by stopping former European champion Salvatore Melluzzo on a cut eye. Melluzzo, a 32-year-old southpaw, announced his retirement after the bout. Bottiglieri is now 15-2.
(09-28-84)

►**ROVIGO**—Angelo (Boom Boom) Liquori outpointed Piero Spadaccini, six rounds, light middleweights. The 26-year-old Liquori, a southpaw, is now 16-0-2.

Former Italian light middleweight champion Daniele Zappaterra outscored Rafael Salamone, eight.
(09-29-84)

MONACO

►**MONTE CARLO**—The following bouts made up the undercard of the Curry-LaRocca/Sandoval-Roman title doubleheader:

Jeff Whaley, Detroit, kayoed European bantamweight champion Walter Giorgetti in the third.

Middleweight Andre Mongelema halted Maurice Bufi in the fifth.

Fulgencio Obelmejias outpointed Eric Winbush, eight, light heavies.

Sumbu Kalambay outscored Tony Cerda, eight.

Carlos Trujillo, Panama, outpointed Sabiyala Diavilla, welterweights.

Umba Ley stopped Thierry Siudici in round three, junior feathers.
(09-22-84)

SWITZERLAND

►**MARTIGNY**—Michel Giroud outpointed Hugo Carizzo, Spain, eight rounds, light welters.
(10-08-84)

YUGOSLAVIA

►**BELGRADE**—Jean Baptiste Mendy outscored Dusan Radosavljevic, six, lightweights.
(06-26-84)

ERIC ARMIT

UNITED KINGDOM

◄**BELFAST—Kings Hall**—British and European featherweight champion Barry McGuigan, Clones, 127¾, was in devastating form, knocking out Colombian substitute Felipe Orozco, 127½, in 2:10 of round two with a quick succession of punches culminating in a right to the temple. Orozco was up just too late to beat referee Harry Gibbs' count, and there was a bit of a protest from the loser and his cornermen, but McGuigan's punching had ripped him apart, and surely he couldn't have fancied carrying on.

This was the second time an American TV audience had been able to watch McGuigan in action, and, after this workmanlike display, there can be no doubt that he deserves his rating as leading contender for the world title—especially as this was the first time in his professional career that he had faced a southpaw. This was something that had been forced upon him, as original opponent Angel Mayor failed to arrive.

Orozco came with a fine record of only one defeat in 20 bouts, and that in a WBC super bantamweight title fight to champion Jaime Garza. He looked useful in the opening round, but when McGuigan cut loose at the start of round two, the writing was on the wall. Quick bursts of blows from both hands set up the Columbian for the kill. He just couldn't cope with the speed and accuracy of the Irishman's sharp punching.

The atmosphere was electric, right from mid day, when the fans started queuing, during the preliminaries, when the chant started, louder when Barry made his way from the dressing room to the ring, louder still as he went into his demolition job, and deafening as he left the ring to the acclaim of his compatriots.

Through it all, Barry behaved like a true little sportsman, especially when he made his way to Orozco's corner, and lifted the Colombian's arm as a token of sympathy, understanding, and friendship.

Former WBC junior lightweight champion Cornelius Boza-Edwards, now challenging for lightweight honors, 136, beat American Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown, 135½, referee Harry Gibbs interveing in round three with Brown under severe pressure.

When McGuigan's original opponent withdrew and a southpaw sub was engaged, southpaw Boza helped Barry with his sparring, and looked very sharp. Brown looked good in the opening session, scoring with snappy right hands to the face, and moving quickly around the ring.

Boza finished the round with a cut on the right eyebrow, which worsened, and afterwards needed stitches. Brown, too, was cut over the right eye in round three, and, by then, the American was well on the receiving end.

Once Boza got his range, Brown was subjected to an all-out attack, and a right hook dumped him on the canvas in round three. He rose at three, too quickly, and Boza was quickly in to continue the assault in Brown's corner. The latter looked defenseless, whereupon the bout was stopped.

On this form, Boza is ready for any lightweight in the world.

In a six-rounder in which both contestants fought themselves to a standstill and deservedly received nobbins, Dave Haggerty, Glasgow, 139¼, outpointed David Irving, Belfast, 140¼, by 59-57½. Irving was down twice. Referee, Barney Wilson.

Debutant Mick Quealty, Newry, 173, won every round in outpointing Alan Price, Swansea, 170, over six twos by 60-57. However, the scoreline does not indicate Price's contribution. Referee, Barney Wilson.

Rocky McGraig, Belfast, 156¼, beat Neil Crocker, Swansea, 159, referee Wilson intervening in round three of a scheduled six-twos with Crocker under pressure.

American Chris Reid, 170½, beat Paul Newman, Bognor, 174¾, the bout being stopped in round three of a scheduled six. Referee, Barney Wilson. Newman had been down from a left hook.

Dave McAuley, Larne, 121, outpointed John Mwaimu, Manchester, 121, over six by 59-57½. When they met previously, the result was a draw.
(10-13-84)

►**LONDON—Britania Leisure Centre**—Dennis Andries, Hackney, 172¼, kayoed Devon Bailey, Battersea, 172¼, in the 12th and final session with a right to the head. Andries thus retained his British light heavyweight title and became the winner, outright, of the Lonsdale Belt.

Andries looked as if he could have gone on forever, but Bailey, worn down by the rugged aggressive tactics of the champion, looked very tired in the last three rounds. Bailey had little chance to exploit his boxing skills as Andries kept on top of him throughout.

Welshman Colin Jones gave up the Commonwealth welterweight title in order to concentrate on his world title plans, and the vacant crown was won by Sylvester Mittee, Bethnal Green, 147, who beat Nigerian Fighting Romanus, also 147, referee Harry Gibbs intervening in round 11 of a scheduled 12.

By that time, Mittee, boxing methodically, and punching more accurately, had amassed a large points lead. At the beginning of round 11, Romanus took a right hand to the jaw, and turned away—as if indicating that he wanted to retire.

However, the fight proceeded, and Romanus resigned himself to trying to see it through to the end. Then, at 2:25 of the round, referee Gibbs intervened, obviously deciding that no useful purpose would be served by the bout continuing any longer.

Romanus and his cornermen protested, but the referee was right. Romanus was game enough, and had his moments in the early rounds, but looked weary from the 10th onwards.

Costa Rican bantamweight champion Jorge Prentas, 123, beat Billy Hardy, Sunderland, 119½, the bout being stopped by referee Gibbs in round five of a scheduled six after Hardy had been down twice. Time: 2:50.

Mickey Kilgallon, Peckham, 147, made it nine in a row by outpointing Colin Neagle, Swansea, 150, over six by 59½-58½. Referee, Harry Gibbs.

Tony Burke, Croydon, 161, beat Dean Scarfe, Hackney, 155, who was retired by his corner at the end of round five of a scheduled eight twos. Burke was down in round three,

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Steffen Tangstad (Norway)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Anglo Rottoli (Italy)
5. David Pearce (Great Britain)
6. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
7. Rainer Hartmann (Germany)
8. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
9. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
10. Rudi Pika (Great Britain)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Alex Blanchard (Holland)
1. Jean-Marie Emebe (France)
2. Richard Caramanolis (France)
3. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
4. Rufino Angulo (Italy)
5. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
6. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
7. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
8. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
9. Devon Bailey (Great Britain)
10. Jose Seys (Belgium)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Louis Acaries (France)
4. Aldo Buzzetti (Italy)
5. Stephane Ferrara (France)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
8. Andre Mongelema (France)
9. Roy Guombs (Great Britain)
10. Errol Christie (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Georg Steinherr (Germany)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
3. Germain LeMaitre (France)
4. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
5. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
6. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
7. Said Skouma (France)
8. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
9. Ernesto Ros (Italy)
10. Emilio Sole (Spain)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Nino LaRocca (Italy)
3. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
4. Gilles Elbilia (France)
5. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
6. Jean-Marie Touatti (France)
7. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
8. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
9. Brahim Messaoud (France)
10. Jose Varela (Spain)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
4. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)
5. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
6. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
7. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
8. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
9. Tek Nkalankete (France)
10. Mohammed Lazmany (France)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rene Weller (Germany)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (G. Britain)
2. George Feeney (Great Britain)
3. Lucio Cusma (Italy)
4. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
5. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
6. Sebastiano Sotgia (Italy)
7. Frederic Geoffroy (France)
8. Giuseppe Tidu (Italy)
9. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
10. Jesus Matilla (Spain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
1. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
2. Marco Gallo (Italy)
3. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
6. Nello Jovino (Italy)
7. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
8. Vicente Jorge (Spain)
9. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
10. Allesandro Nardi (Italy)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bary McGuigan (Great Britain)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Valerio Nati (Italy)
3. Giuseppe LaVite (Italy)
4. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
5. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
6. Farid Gallouze (France)
7. Sepp Iten (Switzerland)
8. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
9. Phillippe Martin (France)
10. Steve Sims (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Ciro De Leva (Italy)
1. Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
2. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
3. John Feeney (Great Britain)
4. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
5. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
6. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
7. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
8. Kamel Djadda (France)
9. Peter Jones (Great Britain)
10. John Farrell (Great Britain)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Antoine Montero (France)
2. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
3. Hugh Russell (Great Britain)
4. Giampiero Pinna (Italy)
5. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
6. Alain Limarol (France)
7. Danny Flynn (Great Britain)
8. Umberto Morri (Italy)
9. Mario Bitetto (Italy)
10. Roberto Cirelli (Italy)

but looked ahead. Scarfe sustained an injured hand.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 129, outpointed Abdul Kareem, Tottenham, 134, over eight twos by 79-78. Nickels was cut by the left eye in round four and the injury was examined by the referee, who allowed the bout to continue. Kareem wasn't happy about the verdict. Referee, Dave Parris.

Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, 120½, outpointed Roy Williams, Wales, 124, over six twos. Scoreline 59½-58 by referee Dave Parris. Williams was down in round five.
(10-10-84)

►**LONDON—Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre**—T.P. Jenkins, Brentford, 163¼, beat Willie Wright, Birmingham, 164, who was disqualified with seconds remaining of the opening round.

There was plenty of action while it lasted. Jenkins was floored by a right to the jaw, got up, both were warned for misuse of the head, then came a left to the body from Wright that looked low. Down went Jenkins in obvious pain.

The timekeeper started the count, referee Mike Jacobs signalled him to stop, and went to see if Jenkins was able to carry on. He indicated that he couldn't, so the official disqualified Wright.

Sid Smith, Forest Hill, had his first bout of 1984 and beat Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, 145¾, referee Mike Jacobs intervening after 2:22 of round six in a scheduled eight. Gloster's right eye was injured, and he had been down.

Harry Cowap, Balham, 176¼, outpointed Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 174½, over eight two-minute rounds. Scoreline: 80-77. Referee, Jack Snipe.

Dave Russell, Australia, 208, outpointed Lee White, Morden, 200, over six twos by 59½-58. Referee, Jack Snipe.

Debutant Spencer Cummings, Balham, 154¾, beat Nigel Prickett, Plymouth, 157, referee Snipe stopping the bout in round four of a scheduled six twos when Prickett was cut by the left eye.
(10-01-84)

►**LEICESTER—Holiday Inn**—Mickey Bird, Alfreton, 147, outpointed Graeme Griffin, Corby, 147, over eight by 78½-77½. Referee, John Coyle.

Peter Ashcroft, Liverpool, 142, outpointed Steve Craggs, Bedworth, 145, by 60-57 over six twos, winning every round. Referee, John Coyle.

Joey Morrison, Manchester, 133½, outscored Colin Anderson, 134, in another six twos. Referee, John Coyle.

Mark Watts, Leicester, 164, outpointed Dave Mowbray, Alfreton, 165, over six twos by 60-57½, not losing a round. Referee, John Coyle.
(10-01-84)

►**LONGFORD—Crest Hotel**—Conrad Oscar, Paddington, 173½, kayoed Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 173½, in round two of a scheduled eight after flooring him with a left to the body in the opening session.

Dennis O'Brien, Heston, 159, outpointed Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 161, over six twos by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Debutant Simon Harris, Hanwell, 174½, defeated Dougie Isles, Blasckpool, 177½, the bout being stopped in round two of a scheduled six twos.

In a battle of debutants, Dennis Goddard, Llanelli, 129½, outpointed Derick MacManus, 130½, over six twos (two-minute rounds) by 60-58, not losing a round.
(09-28-84)

►**LEEDS—Astoria Ballroom**—Michael Marsden, Leeds, 126, beat substitute Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 124, referee Mickey Vann intervening in round five of a scheduled eight after Bott had been down twice.

John Doherty, Bradford, 128, outpointed Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 127, over eight by 79½-77½. Referee, Mickey Vann.

Carl Gaffney, Leeds, 227, didn't lose a round in outpointing Theo Jospeh, Huddersfield, 184½, scoreline 60-58 after six. The 20-year-old Gaffney had only one previous pro bout, and was a rugby player until he broke a leg, after which he turned to boxing. Joseph has had over 40 bouts, but couldn't concede the weight, and was nearly stopped in round four. Referee, Mickey Vann.

George Bailey, Bradford, 124, having his 50th bout, easily outscored Johnny Mac, Liverpool, 128, by 59½-58 over six.

Rocky Mensah, Ghana, 147, beat Steve Harwood, Batley, 142, who retired at the end of round four in a scheduled six.

Gary Felvus, Keighley, 136, made it five wins in as many fights by outpointing Clinto Campbell, Stoke, 133½, six.
(10-02-84)

►**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Lee McKenzie, Croydon, 140, won the vacant Southern Area light welterweight title by outpointing Winston Spencer, Walworth, 140, over 10 by 98½-97½. Referee, John Coyle. Spencer's main moment of glory came in round 10, when he drove his man across the ring by sheer aggression, but by then it was a lost cause.

Midlands Area welter champ Kostas Petrou, 149¼, kayoed Frank Morro, Liverpool, 152, in round three of a scheduled eight. A right hand sent Morro clean through the ropes. Referee, Paul Thomas.

Sam Reeson, Battersea, 178, outpointed Midlands Area light heavy champ Antonio Harris, Chelmsley Wood, also 178, over eight by 78½-78. It was close, and many thought Harris deserved at least a share. Referee, Geoff Clarke.

Mike Harris, Swansea, 145, the Welsh light-welter champ, didn't lose a round in outpointing Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 145½, by 80-76½ over eight. Referee, Paul Thomas.

Paul Kelly, Doncaster, 150½, beat Mark Mills, Croydon, 150, the bout being stopped in round four of a scheduled six when Mills was cut by the right eye, which afterwards needed 11 stitches.
(10-03-84)

►**ABERDEEN—Skean Dhu Hotel**—Tommy Campbell, Blantyre, 150, beat Steve Tempro, Leicester, 147, referee Len Mullen intervening at the end of round five of a scheduled eight when Tempro was cut by the left eye. Southpaw Campbell looked comfortably in front with his more accurate punching.

Dave Savage, 137, outpointed substitute Chris McCready, Liverpool, 140, over eight by 79½-78. McCready finished strongly, but it was too late. It was Savage's eighth win in nine contests.

In an all-action encounter Doug Munro, Glasgow, 135½, narrowly outpointed Angelo D'Amore, Hendon, over six by 59½-59. The fans loved this one.

Danny Lee, Port Glasgow, outpointed John Mwaimu, Manchester, over six, not losing a round with a scoreline of 60-57½ in this bantamweight contest.
(10-01-84)

►**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Johnny Elliott, Telford, 162¾, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 163, not losing a round, scoreline 80-76½ over eight. Referee, Ron Hackett. Elliott's work rate was greater throughout.

Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, 134, beat Andy Williams, Pontypool, 134¾, the bout being halted by referee Keith Gardner after only 48 seconds when Williams was cut by the right eye.

Gavin Stirrup, Manchester, 156, outpointed Paul Murray, Birmingham, 158, over six by 59-57½. Referee, Keith Gardner.

Clifton Donville, Liverpool, 151¾, outpointed Bobby Rimmer, Manchester, 152, over six by a narrow 58½-58. Rimmer was returning after nearly a year's inactivity, and was down in rounds three and six. Referee, Ron Hackett.
(10-08-84)

►**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—Ian McLeod, Livingstone, 135, made it 11 bouts without defeat by outpointing Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 130½, over eight by 79½-78½. Referee, Len Mullen.

McLeod was floored by a right to the jaw in the opening session, but recovered to put his man down in rounds three and seven.

John McAllister, Greenock, 151, didn't lose a round in outpointing Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 146, over eight by 80-77. Referee, Danny McCafferty. Maybe Pegler had other things on his mind as earlier he had been presented with an engraved crystal decanter by members, a present for his forthcoming marriage.

Hugh Kelly, Blantyre, 135½, didn't lose a round in outscoring Chris Farrell, Liverpool, 139, over six by 60-57½.

Bobbie McDermott, Glasgow, 117½, confirmed a previous victory by outpointing Freddie Potter, Southampton, 119, over six by 59½-58. Referee, Len Mullen.
(10-08-84)

►**EVESHAM—Sporting Club**—Alec Irvine, Corby, 128, drew with Mark Pearce, Newport, 128, over eight twos. Referee Geoff Clark officiated in all bouts.

Debutant Lloyd Morgan, outpointed Graeme Griffin Corby over six twos in a welterweight bout.

Ray Newby, Nottingham, 132½, beat debutant Jeff Rundan, Plymouth, 134, the bout being stopped in round three of a scheduled six twos.

Andy DeaBreu, Cardiff, outpointed Mick Markie, Kettering, over six twos in a featherweight contest.
(10-10-84)

►**LONDON—Cafe Royal**—Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 140, outpointed Dave Cox, Northampton, 144, over eight by 79½-78. Referee, Bob Galloway.

Plenty of action, a fast pace and nobbing from satisfied patrons. Foreman finished strongly, but Cox never gave up trying.

David Pratt, Leicester, 128, narrowly outscored John Maloney, Barnet, 126½, over eight twos by 78½-78. Maloney was cut by the left eye in round seven, but many thought he deserved at least a draw. Referee, Bob Galloway.

John Hargin, Corby, 157½, kayoed Dave Hall, Lyton, 152, in round two with a left to the jaw. Time: 1:22. Referee, Nick White. Scheduled for six twos.

In another scheduled six twos, Terry Brooks, London, 153½, beat Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 156, referee White intervening in round four with Jordan under pressure. National Sporting Club.
(10-02-84)

►**BARNSLEY—Civic Hall**—Kostas Petrou, Birmingham, 151, the number one contender for the British welterweight title, outpointed substitute Paul Mitchell, Leeds, 153, Central Area light middleweight champion, over 10 by 98½-98. The margin looked wider.

In another close-scoring bout, Midlands Area light heavyweight champion Antonio Harris, 178, outpointed Central Area title holder Ian Lazarus, 173, over eight by 79-78½.

Featherweight Dave Kenny, Manchester, beat Tony Borg, Cardiff, the bout being stopped in the fourth of a scheduled six-rounder after Borg had been down twice. Time: 2:12.

Neil Patterson, Darlington, 143, outpointed Chris McReedy, Liverpool, also 143, over six twos by 59½-58.

Terry Gilby, Hull, 160, scored a six-rounds points victory over Seamus Casey, Alfreton. Scoreline: 59½-58½.
(10-11-84)

►**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 144, won the Scottish welterweight title by comfortably outpointing Jim Kelly, Wishaw, also 144, over 10 by 99½-97.

Champion Kelly had a swelling over the right eye, and was, for the most part, on the end of McCallum's left jab. His only moment of glory came in round nine when he got home with a right to the jaw that troubled McCallum momentarily; but the latter was soon in command again.

Charlie Brown, Glasgow, 117, outpointed George Bailey, Bradford, 119, over eight by 79½-77½. Bailey was down in round one from a right to the jaw.

Robert Harkin, Renfrew, 147, kept his unbeaten record by narrowly outpointing Rocky Mensah, Bradford, 149, over six by 59½-59.

Debutant Kris McAdam, Glasgow, 136, drew with Bobby Welburn, Hull, 138, six.
(10-15-84)

►**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—British and Commonwealth middleweight champion Mark Kaylor, 162, loser to American Buster Drayton in his last outing, returned to winning vein by beating another American, David Todt, 159½, referee Coyle intervening in round six of a scheduled 10 when Todt's case was hopeless.

The American was game, but was outboxed and outpunched, and was forced to hold, for which he incurred warnings on several occasions. Kaylor did what he had to do in competent fashion, and particularly impressed with his combination punching.

The stage is now set for a match between Kaylor and European champion Tony Sibson, with three titles at stake.

The longest winning run among current British boxers is held by Herol Graham, Sheffield, 170, who brought his total to 29 by stopping Belgian Jose Seys, 171¼, referee Mike Jacobs intervening after 1:47 of round six in a scheduled 10.

Last time Seys appeared in Britain, he stopped that fine prospect, Errol Christie, in under a minute, but there was no repeat performance. Indeed, Seys was down in the opening round from a right hook, and Graham proceeded to box the ears off the Belgian, who looked crude by comparison.

Seys was game as they come, and was always trying to land his haymaker punches. One or two did get through, inevitably, but, for the most part, Graham was landing punches in the ratio of four to one, and was quickly away before the Belgian could retaliate.

There was some booing when the bout was stopped, but there was little point in continuing the one-sided affair.

Ray Gilbody, St. Helens, 120, kayoed American Felix Marquez, 112½, in 2:45 of round six in a scheduled 10. Marquez was conceding a lot of weight for a flyweight, and Gilbody must have won every round before delivering the *coup de grace*, a right to the body. Referee, John Coyle.

Chris Pyatt, Leicester, 155¼, looked good in beating John Ridgman, Borehamwood, 154¼, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:52 of the opening round in a scheduled eight after Ridgman had been down and was injured by the right eye.

Tony Adams, Brixton, 140, defeated Ken Foreman, 151, Hartlepool, referee Paddy Sower halting the action at 2:45 of round two in a scheduled eight. Foreman was down three times.

Debutant Michael Watson, Islington, 163½, stopped Winston Wray, Bolton, 165, referee Sower intervening at 1:10 in round four when Wray was cut by the right eye.

Gary Mason, Wandsworth, 230½, kayoed Al Malcolm, Birmingham, 210, right at the end of round one of a scheduled six. Mason was cut by the right eye. Referee Sower inspected the injury, signalled the fight to proceed, and Mason threw a right hand that sent his opponent under the bottom rope, down and out.
(10-16-84)

►**STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club**—Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 144, knocked out Manny Romain, Edinburgh, 143, in 1:02 of round five in a scheduled eight twos. Referee Jim Pridding officiated in all bouts.

Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 125, beat Ricardo Lawler, Birmingham, 124, the bout being stopped at 1:43 of round five in a scheduled six twos.

Debutant Gary Flear, Birmingham, 133, didn't lose a round outpointing Neville Fivey, Coventry, 132, by 60-57½ over six twos.

Chris Harbourne, Birmingham, 217½, was another debutant to get off to a successful start, outscoring Alex Romeo, Leicester, 186½, by 59½-58½ over six twos.

Malcolm Davis, Shrewsbury, 157, outpointed Ruben Thorley, Birmingham, 157, over six twos by 59-58.
(10-10-84)

►**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—A narrow victory for Mark Simpson, Brighton, 142, who outpointed Trevor Hopson, Billericay, 141, by 59-58½ over six twos. A disappointed Hopson thought he had won, and challenged the winner to a return, which was accepted. Referee, Larry O'Connell.

Billy Edwards, Hoxton, 146, avenged a previous defeat by beating Frankie Lake, Bournemouth, 142, referee Dave Parris intervening at 0:90 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Lake had been down three times.

Andy O'Rawe, Canvey, 139, survived a second-round knockdown to outpoint Bobby Welburn, Hull, 143, by 59½-58 over six twos. Referee, Larry O'Connell.

Steve Cook, Southend, 133, defeated Mark Champney, Bournemouth, 130, referee Parris intervening after only 0:37 in the opening round of a scheduled six twos when Champney was cut by the right eye.
(10-09-84)

►**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Gary Stirrup, Manchester, 156, continued his winning run by beating Steve Ward, Nottingham, 155, referee Harry Warner halting matters in round three of a scheduled eight after Ward had been down twice.

Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 137, beat Edward Lloyd, Rhyl,

136, who retired complaining of blurred vision after 0:75 of round four in a scheduled six. Lloyd was down in the opening round. Referee, Keith Gardner.

Nobbins were thrown in by delighted fans after John Maloney, Barnet, 126, had outpointed Les Walsh, Manchester, 128, by 59½-58 over six. Referee, Keith Gardner. A real crowd pleaser.

Debutant Lee Davis, Reading, 176¾, outpointed Eddie Chatterton, Liverpool, 176, over six by 59-58. Davis was floored in round two. Referee, Harry Warner.
(10-15-84)

►**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Terry Magee, Belfast, 154, beat Nick Riozzi, Leicester, also 154, referee John Coyle intervening after 1:21 of round five in a scheduled eight twos when Riozzi had been decked by a right uppercut.

John Doherty, Bradford, 128, outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 128½, over eight twos by 79½-76½. Referee, John Coyle.

Only two bouts on the bill.
(10-24-84)

►**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Returning after a finger operation, Mark Davey, Leeds, 137, defeated Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 137, after 0:58 of round five in a scheduled eight twos, referee Ricky Nicholson intervening with Lucas under pressure.

Jim McIntosh, Edinburgh, 152, kept his undefeated record by outpointing Tony Smith, Liverpool, also 152, over eight twos by 79½-77½. Referee, Ron Hackett.

Another to keep his unbeaten certificate was Sammy Sampson, Preston, 156, who stopped Lee Roy, Stoke, 155½, referee Ron Hackett halting matters after 1:45 of round two with Roy in trouble after taking a left hook.

Bobby McGowan, Leeds, 149, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Chris Edge, Alfreton, 147, over six twos by 59½-58½.
(10-22-84)

►**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Pat Doherty, Croydon, 128, beat Nigerian Kid Sumali, 127, referee Sid Nathan intervening after 2:30 of round four in a scheduled eight with Sumali taking punishment.

Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 176½, outpointed Winston Burnett, 175, over eight twos by 80-77½, not losing a round. However, Burnett put up a good scrap and never allowed his opponent to relax.

Lee Davis, Reading, 178¼, also didn't lose a round in outpointing debutant David Furnuax, Plymouth, 179, by 60-57½ over six twos. Both were marked. Davis's injured left eye was twice inspected, and Furnuax's right hand was swollen.

John Maloney, Barnet, 127¼, drew with Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 129¾, over six twos.
(10-22-84)

►**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Mark Sperrin, Birmingham, 141, outpointed Albert Buchanan, Dundee, 143, over eight twos by 79-78. Referee, Frank Parkes, who officiated throughout.

Dave Kettlewell, Leeds, 140, narrowly outpointed Willie Docherty, Glasgow, 137, over six twos by 59-58½.

Wayne Poultney, Coventry, 140, outpointed Dan Myers, 144, over six twos.

Davey Adams, Glasgow, outpointed Trevor Sumner over six twos.

Danny Glover, 151, beat Malcolm Davies, 154, Shrewsbury, the referee intervening at the end of the first round in a scheduled six twos when Davies sustained an injured eye.
(10-16-84)

►**LONDON—Battersea Town Hall**—Sammy Reeson, Battersea, 183, kayoed Michael Armstrong, Durham, 186, after 1:36 of round two in a scheduled eight. Armstrong had been floored previously in the round by a right to the jaw. Reeson's 11th successive victory. Referee, Larry O'Connell.

Conrad Oscar, Paddington, 164, beat substitute Deano Wallace, Wolverhampton, 166, referee O'Connell intervening after 2:10 of round four in a scheduled eight.

Tony Burke, Croydon, 161, kayoed Nigel Shingles, Brighton, 166, after 1:25 of round five in a scheduled six twos. Shingles had previously been floored in round three.

Simon Harris, Hanwell, 168, beat Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 166, referee Jack Snipe intervening after 1:14 of the sixth and final round when Fraser had been decked by a left hook.

Carl Barwise, Tooting, 155, drew with Tony Baker, New Cross, 154, over six twos. Plenty of action in this one. Referee, Jack Snipe.

Dennis O'Brien, Southall, 155, beat Nigel Pearce, Newport, 161, who was disqualified for holding after only 1:50 of the opening round, having been warned on four occasions. Referee, Larry O'Connell.
(10-23-84)

►**SOUTH SHIELDS—Buddy's Club**—Floored by a left hook in round three, John Westgarth, Newcastle, 209, recovered to draw with Dave Russell, 205, who recently arrived from Australia, over eight twos. Referee, Arnold Bryson.

Gary Williams, Doncaster, 145, beat Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 142, referee Bryson intervening after 1:40 of round four when Keers had been down twice.

Paul Deans, 143, made a fine start to his career by knocking out Caswell Lee, Doncaster, 143, after 0:97 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos.

Paul Lister, Newcastle, 203, also made a promising start, outpointing Ian Priest, Alfreton, 206, over six twos, not losing a round with a scoreline of 60-58.

Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 165, also didn't lose a round, outpointing Dave King, Gateshead, 165, referee Potter making the scoreline 60-58 over six.
(10-22-84)

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. David Pearce (Great Britain)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
5. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
6. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
7. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
8. Steve Aczel (Australia)
9. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
10. Rudi Pika (Great Britain)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
3. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Don LaLonde (Canada)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
5. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
6. Alex Penarski (Great Britain)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Wally Carr (Australia)
9. Jim Gradson (Canada)
10. Flash Chisango (Zimbabwe)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
3. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
4. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Emmanuel Otti (Australia)
7. Alex Hilton (Canada)
8. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
9. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
10. Richie Roberts (Australia)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ken Salisbury (Australia)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
4. John Mundunga (Uganda)
5. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
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7. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
8. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
9. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
10. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)

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Champion
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Champion
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1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
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4. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
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6. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
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10. Jim.ny Young (Nigeria)

►**BIRMINGHAM—Aston Villa Leisure Centre**—Pat Cowdell, Warley, 130, successfully defended his European junior lightweight title by beating Spaniard Roberto Castanon, 130, the bout being stopped by referee Hank Miers of Holland after 2:10 of round five after Castanon had taken a standing eight count and looked defenseless. It was a scheduled 12-rounder.

Castanon, a former European featherweight and junior lightweight champion, is now past his best, and could not find an answer to Cowdell's speed and quick punching. Also, the Spaniard had to make two trips to the scales before making the weight.

Whatever confidence Castanon may have had quickly vanished as Cowdell showed him no mercy, landing punch after punch until, by the third, the Spaniard looked a beaten man. He lasted out the fourth, but kept glancing at his corner as if to say "I've had enough," and, in the fifth, he turned away from Cowdell in an attitude of retirement. However, the fight continued until Castanon was given an eight count, after which it was stopped.

Cowdell, now 31, seeks a world title shot, and on this form it will take a good man to beat him.

Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 139, kayoed Londoner Winston Spencer, 140, in the first round of a scheduled 10. A left hook and following right cross did the trick.

Kostas Petrou, Birmingham, 147½, outpointed substitute Tony Brown, Liverpool, 145, over eight by 78½-77½. Referee, Frank Parkes.

Martin McGough, Coventry, 145, beat Welshman Frank McCord, 148, referee Parkes intervening at the end of round five when McCord was cut by the left eye.

Peter Foster, Birmingham, 150, kayoed Welshman Colin Neagle, 148, in round four with a left hook. Referee, Geoff Clarke.

Debutant Michael Justin, Nottingham, 151, beat Alan Williams, Liverpool, 150, referee Clarke stopping the bout

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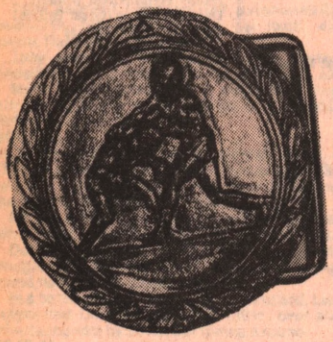

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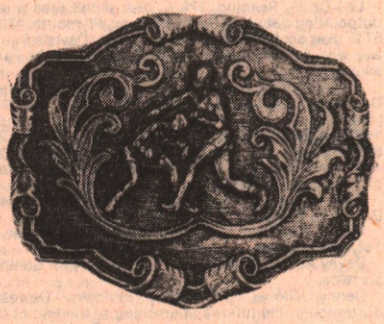

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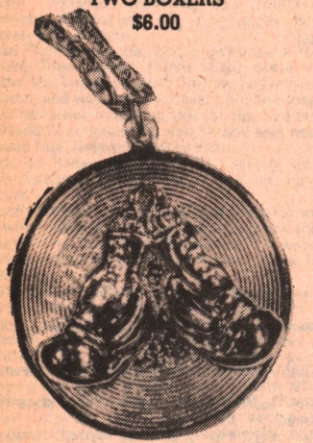

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with eight seconds left of their scheduled six twos. Williams was being driven around the ring and had stopped hitting back.
(10-24-84)

►**BIRMINGHAM—Metropole Hotel**—Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 132, kept his unbeaten certificate by outpointing Midlands Area featherweight eight champion Steve Topliss, Melbourne, 130, not losing a round with a scoreline of 80-77 after eight twos. The margin did not reflect Topliss's contribution. Referee, Paul Thomas, who officiated in every contest.

Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 142, outpointed Danny Myers, Northampton, 142, over six twos by 59½-58½.

Tom Frankham, Highgate, 138, beat Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 137½, the bout being stopped with four-seconds of their six twos remaining, and with Frankham well ahead.

Ron Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 137, narrowly outpointed Wayne Poultney, Coventry, also 137, over six twos by a narrow 59-58½.

Gary Price, West Bromwich, 129, was another narrow winner, outpointing Neville Fivey, Coventry, also 129, over six twos by 59-58½.
(10-25-84)

►**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Johnny Elliott, Telford, 161, outpointed Mickey Kidd, Bedworth, 162, by a narrow 78½-78 over eight twos. Referee Paul Thomas officiated in all bouts.

Wayne Trigg, Nuneaton, and debutant Tony Capri, Northampton, provided plenty of action, with Trigg gaining a 59½-58 points verdict over six twos.

Bobby Wellburn, Hull, 142, outpointed John Faulkner, Northampton, 140, over six twos by a narrow 59-58½.

Another narrow winner was Arthur Robinson, Birmingham, 147, who outpointed Graeme Griffin, Corby, 148, over six twos by 59-58½.

Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, 132, outpointed Gary Flear, Birmingham, 130, over six twos by 59½-58, flooring his man in the opening round.
(10-29-84)

►**LONDON—Alan Minter Sporting Club**—Robert Dickie, Swansea, 127, survived a second round knockdown to deck Charlie Coke, Croydon, later in the round, then put him down again in round three, referee Roland Dakin stopping the bout at this juncture.

Stanley Jones, Swansea, 140½, outpointed Mick Durvan, Croydon, 137, over eight twos by 79-78. Referee, Tony Walker.

Debutant Derrick Williams, Battersea, 206½, looked good in stopping Tony Tricker, Norbury, 214½, referee Dakin intervening after 1:30 of the sixth and final round when Tricker had been floored by a right to the jaw.

Kenny Watson, Norbury, 137¼, outpointed A.M. Milton, Streatham, 136¼, over six twos by 59½-58. Referee, Tony Walker.
(10-24-84)

►**NOTTINGHAM—Albany Hotel**—Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 143, beat Peter Flannagan, Manchester, 146¾, referee Frank Parkes intervening in the final round of an eight twos after Flannagan had been down, risen, and gone down again without a count.

Glyn Rhodes, Sheffield, 135½, beat Willie Wilson, 136, who was retired by his corner at the end of round three. A peculiar fight. Rhodes was down four times in round one, and was also warned for going down without being hit. Rhodes heeded the warning, did well in round two, and floored Wilson in round three. When the latter was cut by the left eye, the bout was stopped by referee Parkes.

Claude Rosse, Derby, 150, beat Paul Kelly, Doncaster, 148, who retired at the end of round five after being under pressure. Referee, Frank Parkes.

Ray Newby, Nottingham, 135¼, outpointed Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 132, over six twos by 59-58½. A close one, and Bramhald's 16th fight in 1984, extremely busy by today's standards.
(10-29-84)

►**GATESHEAD—Stormont Maine Club**—Peter Eubanks, 140¼, outpointed Joe Frazier, Jr., Philadelphia, over 10 by 99½-98. Referee, Fred Potter.

This was Frazier's first bout outside the United States, and it was also a comeback for Eubanks after breaking his jaw earlier in the year. The latter picked his punches better, and, although Frazier kept coming forward, he was often caught on the counter. Eubanks actually outpunched his man in the closing stages.

A good fight for the fans. It was also seen on TV.

Glenn McCrory, Anfield Plain, 203, made it eight in a row by outpointing American Tony Velasco, 229, over eight. Referee Arnold Bryson scored it 80-77, indicating that McCrory hadn't lost a round. In a boxer vs. fighter duel, the boxer proved vastly superior, and made his opponent look crude by comparison at times.

Gordon Stobie, Darlington, 123, drew with Robbie McDermott, Glasgow, 119, over six twos. Referee, Fred Potter.

Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 149¼, easily outpointed Rocky Mensah, Bradford, 150, over six twos by 59½-58. Referee, Arnold Bryson.
(10-27-84)

►**WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall**—Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 136¾, looked good in his first fight since losing to George Feeney in a British lightweight title fight, comfortably outpointing Spaniard Carlos Miguel Rodriguez, also 136¾, over 10 by 99½-96.

The scoreline doesn't reflect the Spaniard's contribution, for he never stopped trying, banged away to the body, and was still taking the fight to his opponent in the final session. However, Chance kept his cool, took a few right hands, and, while forced on the defensive, never was in serious trouble.

A good fight, some clever boxing from Chance, and a fine effort by Rodriguez. Referee, John Coyle.

Horace Notice, Birmingham, 199, beat Paddy Finn, Birmingham, 206, referee Coyle stopping the fight after 1:48 of round three when Finn had been decked by a right hand.

Granville Allen, Wednesbury, easily outpointed Davey Cox, Northampton, over eight twos by 79½-77½. Referee, Jim Pridding.

It took Harry Andrews, Birmingham, 168, just 40 seconds to subdue Deka Williams, West Bromwich, 172, when referee Pridding intervened. It was a scheduled six twos.

Chris Harbourne, Birmingham, 190, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Alex Romeo, Leicester, also 190, over six twos by 59-58½.

Shane Silvester, West Bromwich, 120¼, kayoed George Bailey, Bradford, 120, one second before the end of the final round in a scheduled six twos. A left hook to the body did the trick.

Bailey afterwards announced his retirement from the ring. He is 24, had been a pro for seven years and had around 50 fights. In 1983, he boxed unsuccessfully for the vacant Central Area bantamweight title.
(10-26-84)

►**LONDON—Lewisham Theatre**—Steve Watt, Hayes, 148, made it seven in a row and a fine start to his pro career by beating Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, also 148, referee Mike Jacobs intervening after 1:14 of round four in a scheduled eight. A right hand set up a knockdown, Decker rose shakily, and it was stopped.

Steve Ellwood, Camberwell, 142¾, outpointed Joe Lynch, Plymouth, 146¼, over eight twos by 80-76½, and didn't lose a round. Referee, Tony Walker. Lynch was down four times.

Alan Cowley, Bethnal Green, 119¾, kept his unbeaten record but could gain only a draw with Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, 118½, over eight twos. There were many clinches in a bout in which many thought Cowley unlucky not to get the verdict. Referee, Mike Jacobs.

Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 153, outpointed Tony Baker, New Cross, 156, over six twos by 59½-58½.

Debutant Alan Baptiste, Luton, 160, outpointed Terry Gilby, Hull, 161, over six twos by 59-58.
(10-29-84)

►**LONDON—Streatham Studio**—Harry Cowap, Balham, 176¼, confirmed a previous win by knocking out Romel Ambrose, Leicester, 173¼, after 2:37 of the eighth and final round.

As referee Bob Galloway was counting, an Ambrose supporter climbed into the ring and held down the boxer as if to ensure that he did not get up to be exposed to further punishment. Not that Ambrose would have got up anyway, and the referee merely completed the count.

Cowap was cut by the nose and left eye, but appeared ahead in a hard fight. When they met before, Cowap won on points.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, kayoed Barry Ellis, Clapham, 205, in the final round of a scheduled eight twos. Just two seconds of the fight remained. Referee, Roy Francis.

Ellis bled from the nose, and Garside was cut by the right eye. A right hand did the trick. Ellis was up just a fraction too late.

Gypsy Carmen, Norwich, 181, narrowly outpointed Wes Taylor, Leicester, 177, over six twos by 59½-59. Referee, Roy Francis.

Spencer Cummings, Balham, 155¾, didn't lose a round in outpointing Cecil Williams, Birmingham, 156, by 60-57 over six twos. Referee, Roy Francis.

Paul Dawson, Kingston, 138½, also didn't lose a round outscoring Eamonn Payne, Norwich, 140, by 60-58½ over six twos. Payne was handicapped by an injured left eye from the opening round. Referee, Bob Galloway.

Debutant Chas Dackombe, Streatham, outpointed Wayne Goult, Norwich, 145 over six twos by 59½-58. Referee, Bob Galloway.
(10-29-84)

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►**HARARE—Rufaro Stadium**—African Boxing Union heavyweight champion Proud Kilimanjaro, Zimbabwe, easily outpointed Mark Lee, Carson City, Nevada, 10. Kilimanjaro, who also holds the Zimbabwean national title, rocked Lee on a number of occasions, but no knockdowns were scored.

Tiger Wilson halted Miles Zimba in the fourth round of a middleweight title eliminator.
(11-03-84)

►**NOTES**—Flash Chisango, who holds the Central African light heavy title, went to Australia and outpointed former Aussie champ John Layton.

Zimbabwean fighters are well represented in the latest British Commonwealth rankings. Proud Kilimanjaro is ranked fifth among the heavyweights; Flash Chisango is ninth in the light heavies; Langton Tinago is the number two contender in the junior lightweights. Snake Mandaya, a relative novice, is ranked 10th among the featherweights.

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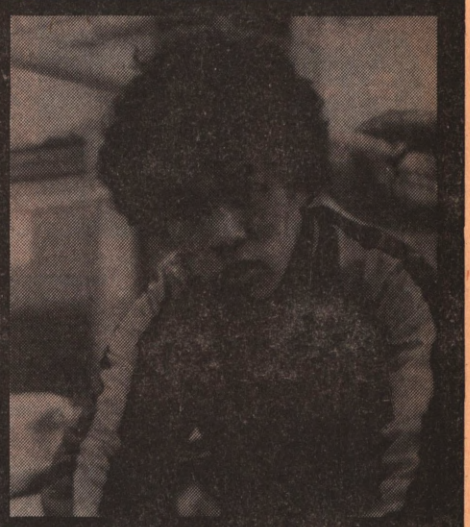

Former WBC flyweight champion Koji Kobayashi making a comeback as a super flyweight.

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Former WBC flyweight champ Koji Kobayashi, 115, made an attempt to move up to the super flyweight class, winning a unanimous decision over short Korean Kap-Dong Park, 116¼, in 10 unimpressive rounds. Scoring: ref Masakazu Uchida, 99-92; judges Takeaki Kanaya and Masakazu Uchida, both 99-92—all for Kobayashi.

Though the taller Koji dropped Park in round two, he couldn't follow up, or score with another effective left hand shot. Park's durability was admirable, but Koji's lack of zip was obvious enough. Koji, a 5'8" southpaw, is now 27-2-3 with 15 kayoes. Park is 20-2-3 (14 knockouts).

Lefty Keiji Kawamura, the Japanese Commission's fifth ranked junior feather at 125, was awarded a TKO victory over Keigo Furuta, also at 125½, at 0:42 of the ninth round in the semi-final 10.

Kawamura, 29, is now 12-5-1 with seven kayoes. Furuta, 22, fell to 8-6-1 with three knockouts.

The first 10 saw Yoshinari Tanaka, the JBC's number seven feather at 130, flatten Kozaburo Ichihara, also 130, at 1:33 of the fourth round. Tanaka, previously kayoed by Japanese titlist Eijiro Kuruma, upped his log to 14-3 with six kayoes. Ichihara, a lanky lefty, is 8-7 with six knockouts.

Hitoshi Ito, 125¾, stopped Kunio Takanami, also 125¾, at 2:37 of the sixth session in a scheduled eight.

Shigeru Ito, 112½, decisioned Shoji Uchida, 112¼, in the four-round opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,500.
(10-16-84)

►**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—The finals of the *Shinjin-o* tournament in the Osaka District were seen by a disappointedly small crowd.

Middleweight: Katsuya Yamazaki, 156, stopped Akio Inoue, 158, at 2:42 of the second round.

Welterweight: Keiji Mizoguchi, 146¼, kayoed Eiji Kawauchi, 144¾, in 2:32 of the second session.

Junior welterweight: Shin Ito, 139, was awarded a split nod from Satoshi Kobayashi, 138½, six.

Lightweight: Kazuo Tahara, 134¼, decisioned Hachiro

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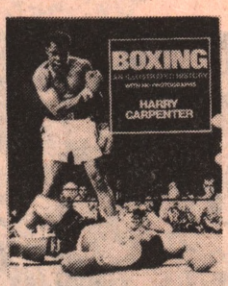

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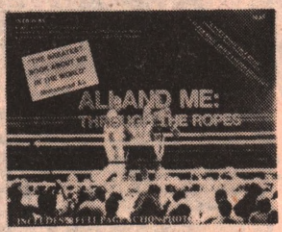

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Hide, 133, six.

Junior lightweight: Satoki Suhara, 129, took a lucky split decision over Katsumi Nonoguchi, 129¾, six.

Featherweight: Unbeaten Kaneto Kimura, 125¾, caught Tomoya Kakimoto, 125, and stopped him at 0:26 of the sixth and final round. Kimura is now 5-0.

Junior featherweight: Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi, 121½, outscored Takami Koga, 120½, six.

Bantamweight: Shigenobu Nakamasa, 117½, won a onesided nod over Yoshifumi Oba, 116¾, six.

Junior bantamweight: Yosuke Matsuoka, 114¼, ran his log to 8-1 with three kayoes by scoring a TKO over Toshiaki Okutani, also 114¼, at 2:40 of the fifth session in their scheduled six.

Flyweight: Shinichi Sugita, 112, kayoed Akira Hamada, also 112, in 1:06 of the second round.

Junior flyweight: Yukinari Oshiro, 108, scored a very onesided decision over Takashi Hirata, 107¼, six.

West Japan *Shinjin-o* Committee. No telecast.

Attendance—800.

(10-20-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Ex-Japanese junior flyweight champ Masaharu Iha's losing run continued since his kayo loss to Jung-Koo Chang last year. Iha, 116½, failed to make the contracted weight again and was forced to wear heavier gloves. He was TKO'd by rising lefty Koji Nishikawa, 113, at 1:15 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Koji beat the sluggish Iha to the punch and had him take a standing count. Referee Ken Morita declared a halt as Koji followed up hard.

Iha fell to 19-5-1 with four kayoes. Nishikawa, an aggressive lefthander, is now 10-3 with five kayoes.

Tadashi Shimabukuro, a 20-year-old speedster with a 7-0 record (five kayoes), 120½, returned to the ring after a lay-off due to injuries, and fought to a split draw with switch-hitting Kazuo Osamu, 122, in the semi-final 10.

Shimaburuko was previously rated tops in the flyweight class, while Osamu, former winner of the All-Japan Novice King tourney, was rated sixth in the 122-pound class. Tadashi downed Osamu twice in the second and third rounds, but took a standing count in round nine. It was a furious see-saw battle, which successfully tested Tadashi's durability.

Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki, 95-95; judge Takeo Ugo, 95-94, Shimabukuro; judge Ken Morita, 95-94, Osamu.

Osamu is now 14-3-2 with eight kayoes.

Kazuyoshi Funaki, the JBC's second ranked flyweight at 112, overpowered Yuto Kazaki, also 112, dropping him four times and for the count at 1:16 of the second round in the first 10.

Kenji Yokosawa, 110¼, outscored Tetsuya Muraoka, 111¼, six.

Tatsuzo Niiyama, 139¾, kayoed glass jaw lefty Toyoharu Aizawa, 141, in 2:31 of the second round. Mutsumi Suzuki, 125¾, TKO'd Kazuyoshi Shimura, 124¾, in four. Hiroyuki Takeuchi, 139¾, stopped Takaaki Kurosaki, 138¼, at 0:52 of the third session in the four-round opener.

Ishikawa and KTT Promotions co-promoted the card. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,200.

(10-25-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Kenbun Taiho, the WBA's 10th ranked junior flyweight at 108½, was awarded a very controversial split decision over Kenji Ono, 108½, 10.

It was a ridiculous verdict. The officials were probably influenced by runors that Taiho was preparing for a shot at Francisco Quiroz's WBA throne.

Ono, a busy infighter, effectively attacked Kenbun, and seemed to have piled up the points.

Scoring: referee Kazunobu Asao, 98-95, Taiho; judges Masakazu Uchida, 98-97, Ono; Ken Morita, 98-96, Taiho.

Taiho is now 10-1-2 with four kayoes. Ono is 11-7-2 with five knockouts.

Tomohiro Kiyuna, 106¾, stopped Masato Tanaka, 108, with three knockdowns in 2:16 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Koichi Tachibana, 154, won from Hidenobu Sasaki, 152. Kazuhiko Nishioka, 122, was stopped at 1:12 of the third session. Nobuyoshi Ebina, 117½, halted Seiichi Katayama, 116, at 1:39 of the first round. Kiyoshi Sakurayashiki, 111¾, polished off Tsutomu Ono, 111¼, at 2:38 of the first session. Tomomoto Morikawa, 108, disposed of Shinichi Kikuchi, 108, at 0:52 of the first session in the opener.

Kaigai Times (formerly Kyoei) Promotions.

TBS TV. Attendance—2,200.

(10-29-84)

►**OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Local favorite Koichi Sugimoto, the JBC's fifth ranked junior bantamweight at 116¾, was held to a draw by Shotgun Suzuki, a willing mixer from Tokyo at 115½, 10.

Scoring: referee Ryoji Kashiwagi, 96-96; judge Hiroshi Matsumoto, 100-94, Sugimoto (ridiculous); judge Nobumitsu Inukai, 98-98.

Sugimoto attempted to outleg and outpunch Shotgun, but the latter stalked the former all the way. Sugimoto is now 7-3-1 with two kayoes. Shotgun is 6-2-3 with two kayoes.

Masayoshi Matsuura, Japan's number 10 feather at 125¾, dropped Koichi Satojima, 125½, twice and finished him at 0:47 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Matsuura is now 7-4-1 with three kayoes. Satojima fell to 6-4-2 with four knockouts.

Takuya Tsuji, 110½, decisioned Heishin Tokuchi, 112, six.

Four rounders: Lefty Ryugo Yamamoto, 111½, outpointed another southpaw, Hideaki Suda, 111. Genzo Ano, 129½, decisioned Yoshinobu Hiroyama, 127. Osamu Fukumoto, 122, stopped lefty Yasushi Uenohara, 121½. Yoshitatsu Nakasato, 129, won from Masakazu Itagaki, 130. Kimihiro Ueda, 145, polished off Satoru Matsuda, 146½, at 1:04 of the first round in the opener.

Kazama Boxing Club. No telecast.

Attendance—1,600.

(10-30-84)

►**SHIZUOKA—Industrial Arena**—Kazumi Yokoi, 140, survived three standing counts and disposed of Minoru Kujo, 137, with a left hook to the temple at 1:09 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Koichi Ushida, referee.

Hideki Godai, 132¼, decisioned Fumio Nada, 138½, six.

Four rounders: Shirk Ishihara, 136, won from Atsushi Umeda, 134½. Motoki Tsuji, 114, TKO'd Hideki Nemoto, 113½, at the end of the third round due to the loser's bad bleeding. Arrow Imura, 124¾, floored Isamu Iwasaki, 123½, and won a decision. Tatsuo Tanigami, 132½, outpointed Koji Kitamura, 133¼. Tetsuji Sugimoto, 120¾, finished Hiroshi Masuhara, 121¼, at 2:27 of the opening canto. Tetsuji Yamamoto, 119¼, drew with Tetsuya Hyodo, 120½. Tatsuya Seto, 112, kayoed Shinichi Kuroda, 111, at 1:52 of the fourth and final round in the opener.

Hiraiwa Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,200.

(11-02-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japan has made it a rule to stage a Carnival of Champions in November and December, when all the national titlelists must defend their crowns against top contenders. The first day of the Carnival saw the stunning birth of a new bantamweight champion. Slick punching Takaharu Nishimura, 118, exploded a beautiful body shot and flattened Mitsuo Imazato, 118, in 2:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Nishimura, formerly a sparring partner of ex-OPBF bantam boss Eijiro Murata, threw straight punches against the tricky champ. In round three, Nishimura landed a sharp left hook to the button, dropping him for a compulsory count of eight. The winner floored Imazato again in the same round, but failed to finish him. Nishimura's continual rallies weakened the champ.

Nishimura, an ex-third degree master of Japanese fencing, is now 10-3 with five kayoes. Imazato, piloted by Fighting Harada, dropped to 18-8 with nine knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, hard punching lefty Young Hideo, 134, easily kayoed Masaru Shikanuma, 135, in 1:51 of the third round. Hideo, 25, is now 12-7-1 with 10 kayoes. Shikanuma, four years his junior, fell to 6-7-1 with five kayoes. A mismatch.

Michio Jimbo, 129¾, unanimously decisioned Wolf Sato, 129, six.

Four rounders: Nobuyuki Ishizeki, 134¾, kayoed Akiyoshi Ito, 135, in 1:46 of the first round. Fumio Tajima, 125, stopped Minoru Komine, also 125, at 1:30 of the third session. Nobuyoshi Sato, 124½, outpointed Yukio Ichinomiya, 124. Tadahiro Kikuchi, 117½, won from Hisamichi Adachi, 118. Masato Ishikawa, 122, outscored Michihiro Saga, 121¼, in the opener.

Toa Promotions Nippon TV.

Attendance—3,000.

(11-08-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fast rising featherweight Mitsuru Sugiya, 125½, failed to score his seventh consecutive kayo, but won a unanimous decision over Korean Soon-Hwan Suh, the KBC's number five feather at 126½, 10.

Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida, 99-94; judges Takeaki Kanaya and Takeo Ugo, 100-95 and 98-96—all for the busy puncher. Sugiya is now 13-1 with nine kayoes. Suh fell to 9-5-1 with three kayoes.

The Korean's durability and fighting spirit won the praise of the crowd.

The semi-final saw Tadashi Maruo, 116½, dig a wicked right to the midsection of Katsunori Nagamoto, 115¾, stopping him at 0:59 of the seventh canto. Maruo, a talented puncher, is now 9-2 with nine knockouts. Nagamoto is 9-9 with one kayo.

Michio Kawakami, 121, TKO'd Haruhito Sakamoto, 122, at 1:58 of the third session in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Iwao Otomo, 135, polished off Masayuki Gibo, 135, at 0:20 of the second round. Kozo Fujinaga, 122, kayoed Tomio Yamano, 121¾, in 2:20 of the second session. Soichi Higuchi, 117, earned a majority nod Akira Saito, 117. Lefty Yuichiro Abe, 115½, polished off Shigeyuki Kobayashi, 117¼, at 1:56 of the first round in the opener.

Kaigai Times Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—1000.

(11-12-84)

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►**SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—IBF (International Boxing Federation) super middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park, 171½, was obliged to use only his left hand, but scored a unanimous decision over Australian light heavyweight titlist Wally Carr, 172¾, in 10 monotonous rounds. Park had injured his right hand in hitting Carr on the elbow. Park is now 35-3-1 with 33 kayoes. Carr fell to 35-10-2 with 18 knockouts.

The semi-final saw OPBF junior welterweight champ Eung-Shik Kim, 139, demolish Japanese champ Akio Kameda, 138¾, in 0:31 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. Kim, now 11-0 with nine kayoes, accepted Kameda's second challenge after their first encounter ended in a controversial TKO due to Kameda's slight bleeding. Kim displayed his superior power by stalking the taller lefty from pillar to post all the way. The Korean had Akio's face badly puffed with powerful rights. In round six, Kim dropped Kameda with a stunning right for the mandatory eight count. When the aggressive Kim floored Akio again in the next session, the loser's cornerman wisely tossed in the towel.

Scoring in six rounds: referee Erbito Salavarria, Philippines, 60-54, judge Takeshi Shimakawa, Japan, 60-55; Jin-Un Chung, Korea, 60-53—all for Eung-Shik Kim.

Kim, the WBC's 12th ranked super lightie, is a raw diamond with not much finesse, but a lot of power. Kameda is now 23-3 with 18 kayoes. After his loss, Kameda relinquished his Japanese throne in order to recover from the mental and physical damage.

In the first 10, Oh-Hyung Lee, Korea's number four junior lightie at 132¼, lost to Sae-Kwon Lee, 131½. Lee fell to 14-4-4 with 10 kayoes. Sae-Kwon, the KBC's sixth ranked lightie, upped his log to 7-1 with five knockouts.

Chong-Kuk Son, 115½, outscored Young-Chul Gu, 115¾, eight.

Yong-Chae Kim, 114½, won from Jae-Chun Lee, 113½, six.

Four rounders: Byung-Soo Park, 126¾, outscored Young-Hwan Park, 126¼. Chun-Soo Park, 134¼, drew with Wo-Hee Yun, 133¾. Young-Ju Yang, 118¾, stopped Hyun-Wo Pyo, 118¼, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.

(10-07-84)

►**SEOUL—Seoul Playground Special Ring**—Hwa-Young Song, the KBC's fourth ranked junior welterweight at 142, was held to a draw by Chong-Hak Lee, 141¾, 10.

Jong-Bae Chang, 160¾, outscored Jung-Won Moon, 159¾, eight.

Jung-Woo Lee, 123, drew with Youn-Shil Kim, 123¾, eight.

Ha-Shik Lim, 111¼, stopped Hwa-Soo Lee, 111, eight.

Nam-Soo Lee, 126¼, drew with Kyu-Yong Choi, 126½, six.

Won-Kyong Kim, 127, stopped Shi-Bong Lee, 127¾, in six.

Four rounders: Chang-Bae Ahn, 119½, kayoed Nang-Ro How, 120.

Min-Yong Song, 129¾, lost to Nae-Duk Kim, 129¼.

Un-Ho Cho, 114½, and Hyeng-Bok Moon, 115½, drew.

Jong-Min Ha, 116, stopped Jung-Hwan Kim, 116¾, at 1:50 of the first round. Byung-Kap Kim, 109¾, drew with Chung-Bok Park, also 109¾.

Sung-Man Lee, 109¾, won from Myong-Kyu Oh, also 110, in the opener.

Champion Promotions.

(10-13-84)

►**RYOISAN—Ryoisan Agricultural University Ground**—After an almost two-year lay-off, unbeaten Chul Kwon, 126¼, returned to the ring and stopped Japanese Kaoru Yoshioka, 126, at 0:49 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Three knockdowns forced the automatic kayo.

Kwon, who had suddenly disappeared at the morning weigh-in and was suspended by the KBC, is now 17-0-1 with 13 kayoes. Yoshiuka impaired to 13-12-1 with 10 kayoes.

Jung-Taek Lee, 121½, stopped Yong-Shik Kim, 121¼, at 0:37 of the second.

Yong-Duk Park, 116¼, drew with Gun-Jin Byun, 116¾, eight.

Tae-Yong Kim, 113½, stopped Byung-Bum Choi, 127¾, at 2:52 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Sung-Dae Park, 114½, won from Chung-Yong Kim, 113½.

Young-Min Kim, 108, drew with Ki-Jung Lee, 108¼, in the opener.

Sang-Won Promotions.

(10-14-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Ki-Yul Kang, 117¾, retained his Korean bantamweight crown by stopping Sung-Ho Kim, 118, at 2:24 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Kang is now 11-2 with nine kayoes.

The semi-final saw Sung-Yun Kim, the KBC's top featherweight contender, outpoint previously unbeaten Byung-Soo Park, also 128, 10. Park fell to 14-1 with eight kayoes. Kim is 15-3 with seven knockouts.

Kyu-Chan Cho, 120, outpointed Cha-Suk Oh, 120¼, eight.

Yung-Sang Lee, 110, outscored Min-Soo Kim, 111.

Tae-Shik Shin, 138½, decisioned Chang-Taek Kim, 137¾.

Suk Kim, 116, outpointed Jin-Kyu Hyun, 115½.

Kang-Moon Lee, 125¼, drew with Min-Jin Kim, 124¾, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(10-18-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Unbeaten Oh-Kong Song, the WBA's seventh ranked junior flyweight at 110, suffered his first setback in his rematch with Moon-Jin Choi, 107¼, 10.

Choi was sharp from the start, throwing stinging lefts effectively. Dominating the first three rounds, Moon-Jin countered Son with a well-timed left hook and dropped him on the seat of his trunks midway in round four. Son, with his great fighting spirit, threw round house lefts and rights, but his punches weren't accurate enough to catch the clever Choi. In the latter half, Choi sometimes grabbed Son to prevent him from scoring with big punches.

Scoring: referee Kang-Soo Kim, 97-96; judges Jae-Keun Kim and Chul-Hee Han, 97-96 and 97-95 respectively, all for Moon-Hin.

Choi, piloted by ex-Orient junior lightweight boss Hyun-Chi Kim, is now 20-3-2 with four kayoes. Son is 16-1 with

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six kayoes.

In the first 10, Korean middleweight champ Chang-Hwan Noh, 159½, kept his title by outpointing Dae-Kyun Kim, 158¾. Noh is now 6-5-1 with one kayo. Kim is 4-5-1 with one knockout.

Sang-Shik Kim, 141¾, decisioned Keun-Soo Park, 140, eight.

Joung-Ho Lee, 123½, won from Yuh-Kyung How, 123, six.

Jung-Nam Kim, 123½, drew with Chong-Sung Koh, 124.

Bong-Jun Kim, 109½, outscored Il-Hwan Kim, 109¾, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.
(10-28-84)

►**SEOUL**—The Korean scandal of a second rated Colombian challenger's masquerade as a prominent contender is now over.

The Seoul Criminal Court ordered Colombian Joaquin Caraballo to leave Korea as his eight-month jail term was suspended for a year. Caraballo, pretending to be his compatriot, Alberto Castro, challenged the IBF flyweight champ Soon-Chun Kwon and was stopped in 12 lopsided rounds on September 7.

The Court also ordered Caraballo's handler, Amancio Castro, and Mexican matchmaker Ernesto Gallardo to get out of Korea after receiving suspended eight-month jail sentences.

His Peruvian manager, Armando Torres, however, was found guilty of plotting intrigue with Korean impresario Ho-Yun Chun. Torres was sentenced to 10 months in jail, and Chun to a year in prison. The five suspects had been confined in jail for 56 days after the Korean Police arrested them.

The scandal has spread badly, as Korean president Doo-Hwan Chun sent a congratulatory cable to the winner-and-still-champ, Soon-Chun Kwon, after his victory over the fake Castro. In Korea, it is very very rude to betray the president's goodwill.

Korean Boxing Commission president Jung-Kyu Yang was replaced by Mr. Nam Chung, a Congressman, on October 25. A disgraceful scandal.

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THAILAND

►**BANGKOK**—Sakdising Singkrungthon, the Thai Commission's ninth ranked bantamweight at 117, easily knocked out Kiatiyos Singsarmyaun, also 117, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(10-01-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Shaven skulled Thanusith Singnakornlaung, 128, didn't show his fighting spirit in a mismatch with much less experienced rookie Prasertnoi S. Kamolrit, also 128, so the referee declared it no contest in the fourth session of six.
(10-02-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana, 135, defended his crown with a kayo over Kolyuth Pornpanthumnu, 135, 135, in 2:10 of the fifth session in a scheduled six. Downthong thus kept his title for the second time. He is now 26-8 (21 kayoes).
(10-04-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai Saurardcharern, the TBC's second ranked lightie at 135, easily disposed of Sudsakorn Sithkamron, 137, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(10-09-84)

►**BANGKOK**—Thai mini flyweight champ Kairung Sithpayak, 106, lost an upset decision to Thavat Kiatpongchinda, the 10th ranked contender, also 106, in six non-title rounds.
(10-11-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Petchngam Chuvatana, the TBC's number four flyweight at 115, found it easy to dispose of Jownaranoi Jomkatha, also 115, in the third round of six.
(10-12-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Chitalada Gym has WBC flyweight champ Sot Chitalada, ex-WBC super flyweight titlist Payao Poontarat, and other prospects under their wing.

The Gym Kongnapha Sing Bor-Chor, 124, who surprisingly outpointed Sirichai Sasiprathagym, the TBC's ninth ranked feather, 124, in six. For Kongnapha, it was only his third bout.
(10-13-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Patt Ohyuthanakorn, the Thai Commission's number five mini flyweight at 106, beat Roondechnoi Sakcharern, also 106, on points, six.
(10-16-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, 117, dropped a disputed decision to Viboon Kiatsoros, a rookie from Muangsurin Gym, also 117, six. Sombutryod, the TBC's top bantie, dominated all the rounds except the fifth when he carelessly took a punch and hit the deck. Too many "amateur" decisions were seen in the latest Olympic Games in Los Angeles, where knockdowns were simply regarded as clean hits. But the Thai decision looked too "professional."
(10-19-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Rising hope Surasit Meeprasert, 117, outpointed Wangnoi Laudayuthaya, also 117, six.

Surasit, the TBC's number four junior bantie, is now 10-2 with five kayoes.
(10-20-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ex-Thai amateur champ Chaiya Singchachvan, 106, ran his log to 3-0 as he unanimously decisioned Kongkrung Kiatkriangkai, also 106, six.
(10-22-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Lukmaturee, the TBC's top junior featherweight contender at 128, stopped Yuthachai S. Chiocharn, 133, in the third round of six.
(10-23-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Fast rising puncher Yuanyong Sakprasong, 117, ran his kayo log to 7-1 with as many knockouts by scoring a TKO over Pholchai Kiatsonthaya, also 117, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(10-24-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Suriyanoi Somtangkuijub, the TBC's fourth ranked mini flyweight at 106, appeared with his new ring name of Mahasamuth Sithnaruaphon, and kayoed much taller Thongtong Chor Saunananta, also 106, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(10-25-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Rungdej Sakdicharern, a hard hitter at 115, lost an unexpected decision to Chatmongkol Thairungriang, 111, six. Rungdej, the TBC's third ranked junior bantie, is now 4-2 with four kayoes.
(10-26-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamuth Singsamang, *11, scored a unanimous nod over Pongprai Siripong, 108, six.*
(10-27-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakdising Singkungthon, the TBC's ninth ranked bantie at 117, demolished Pradern Borkorsor, also 117, in the first round of a scheduled six.
(10-29-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Chalow Muangsurin, 115, engaged in a rematch with Thai flyweight champ Nongberd Naphataya, also 115, and repeated his win over him on points, six.

Chalow deserves a third encounter with Nongberd—with the latter's national title at stake.
(10-30-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Dungsanan Nanonthachai, 135, a pre-fight favorite, lost a decision to Danchai Yuthakit, 135, six.
(10-31-84)

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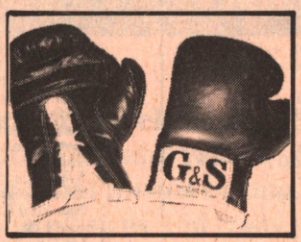

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Gerrie Coetzee (S. Africa)
IBF Champion
Larry Holmes (U.S.)
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13. Carl Williams (U.S.)
14. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
15. Steffen Tangstad (Norway)
16. James Smith (U.S.)
17. Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
18. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
19. James (Buster) Douglas (U.S.)
20. Randall (Tex) Cobb (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon (P.R.)
WBA Champion
Osvaldo Ocasio (P.R.)
IBF Champion
Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
1. Alfonso Ratliff (U.S.)
2. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
3. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
4. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
5. Richie Kates (U.S.)
6. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
7. Jesse Burnett (U.S.)
8. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
9. S.T. Gordon (U.S.)
10. Henry Hearns (U.S.)
11. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)
12. Sylvain Watbled (France)
13. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
14. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
15. Young Joe Louis (U.S.)
16. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
17. Rickey Parkey (U.S.)
18. Broderick Mason (U.S.)
19. Elijah Tillery (U.S.)
20. Grover Robinson (U.S.)

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WBC Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Dwight Muhammad Qawi (U.S.)
2. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
3. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
4. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
5. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
6. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
7. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
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9. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
10. Jean Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
11. David Sears (U.S.)
12. Pete McIntyre (U.S.)
13. John Davis (U.S.)
14. Leslie Steward (Trinidad)
15. Don LaLonde (Canada)
16. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
17. Richard Caramanolis (France)
18. Tim Broady (U.S.)
19. Jose Maria Flores (Uruguay)
20. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
WBC Championship
Vacant
WBA Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. James Shuler (U.S.)
2. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
3. James Kinchen (U.S.)
4. Don Lee (U.S.)
5. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
6. Alex Ramos (U.S.)
7. John Collins (U.S.)
8. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
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11. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
12. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
13. Louis Acaries (France)
14. Alex Hilton (Canada)
15. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
16. Sumbu Kalambay (Zaire)
17. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)
18. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
19. Umaro Sanda (Ghana)
20. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Thomas Hearns (U.S.)
WBA Champion
Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
IBF Champion
Carlos Santos (P.R.)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. David Braxton (U.S.)
3. Julian Jackson (V.I.)
4. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
5. Fred Hutchings (U.S.)
6. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
7. Davey Moore (U.S.)
8. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
9. Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
10. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
11. James Green (U.S.)
12. Sean Mannion (U.S.)
13. Mark Medal (U.S.)
14. Earl Hargrove (U.S.)
15. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
16. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
17. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
18. Fernando Santos Ernesto (Brazil)
19. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
20. Gae-Hyung Yuh (Korea)

WELTERWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Milton McCrory (U.S.)
WBA Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Pedro Vilella (U.S.)
3. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
4. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
5. Elio Diaz (Venezuela)
6. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
7. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
8. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
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10. Simon Brown (U.S.)
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13. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
14. Darrell Chambers (U.S.)
15. David Hilton (Canada)
16. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
17. Gianfranco Rossi (Italy)
18. Fernando Castro (Peru)
19. Seung-Sun Lee (Korea)
20. Judas Clottey (Ghana)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Bill Costello (U.S.)
WBA Champion
Gene Hatcher (U.S.)
IBF Champion
Aaron Pryor (U.S.)
1. Leroy Haley (U.S.)
2. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
3. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
4. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
5. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
6. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
7. Billy Famous (Nigeria)
8. Hidekazu Akai (Japan)
9. Saoul Mamby (U.S.)
10. Saul Julio (Colombia)
11. Eung-Sik Kim (Korea)
12. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
13. Mitchell Julian (U.S.)
14. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
15. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
16. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
17. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
18. Buddy McGirt (U.S.)
19. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
20. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
WBA Champion
Livingstone Bramble (U.S.)
IBF Champion
Harry Arroyo (U.S.)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
3. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
4. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
5. Hector Camacho (Puerto Rico)
6. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Uganda)
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SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)
WBA Champion
Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
IBF Champion
Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
1. Ruben Castillo (U.S.)
2. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Kamel Bou Ali (Tunisia)
4. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
5. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
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17. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
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19. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
20. Tyrone Downes (U.S.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
WBA Champion
Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
IBF Champion
Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
1. Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
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8. Richard Savage (U.S.)
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10. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
11. Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Rep.)
12. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
13. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
14. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
15. Paul DeVorce (U.S.)
16. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
17. Dana Roston (U.S.)
18. Ramon Flores (Mexico)
19. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
20. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Juan (Kid) Meza (Mexico)
WBA Champion
Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
IBF Champion
Seung-In Soo (Korea)
1. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
2. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
3. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
6. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
7. Loris Stecca (Italy)
8. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
9. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
10. Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
11. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
12. Juan Veloz (U.S.)
13. Jesus Flores (Venezuela)
14. Leo Cruz (Dominican Republic)
15. Ramon Rodriguez (Argentina)
16. Takuya Mugurama (Japan)
17. Ruben Palacios (Colombia)
18. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
19. Modest Napuyi (Kenya)
20. Pongpan Sorphayathai (Thailand)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
WBC Champion in Recess
Lupe Pintor (Mexico)
WBC Interim Champion
Albert Davila (U.S.)
WBA Champion
Richie Sandoval (U.S.)
IBF Champion
Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
1. Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
2. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
3. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
4. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
5. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
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20. Neptali Alamag (Phillippines)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
WBA Champion
Kaosai Galexi (Thailand)
IBF Champion
Ju-Do Chun (Korea)
1. Payao Pooltarat (Thailand)
2. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
3. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
4. Bebis Rojas (Colombia)
5. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
6. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
7. Frank Cedeno (Phillippines)
8. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
9. Dung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
10. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
11. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
12. Juan Carlos Cortes (Argentina)
13. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
14. Jeff Whales (U.S.)
15. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
16. Elly Pical (Indonesia)
17. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
18. Kap-Sup Song (Korea)
19. Jose Chacon (Panama)
20. Tae-Il Chung (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)
WBA Champion
Santos Laciar (Argentina)
IBF Champion
Soon-Chung Kwon (Korea)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
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10. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
11. Juan Herrara (Mexico)
12. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
13. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
14. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
15. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
16. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
17. Shuichi Hozumi (Japan)
18. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
19. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)
20. Adrian Roman (Argentina)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
WBC Champion
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
WBA Champion
Francisco Quiroz (Dom. Rep.)
IBF Champion
Dodie Penalosa (Phillippines)
1. Joey Olivo (U.S.)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
4. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
5. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
6. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
7. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
8. Tadashi Kuramochi (Japan)
9. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
10. Enrique Aguilar (Mexico)
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12. Jin-Choi Moon (Korea)
13. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
14. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
15. Katsuo Tokashiki (Japan)
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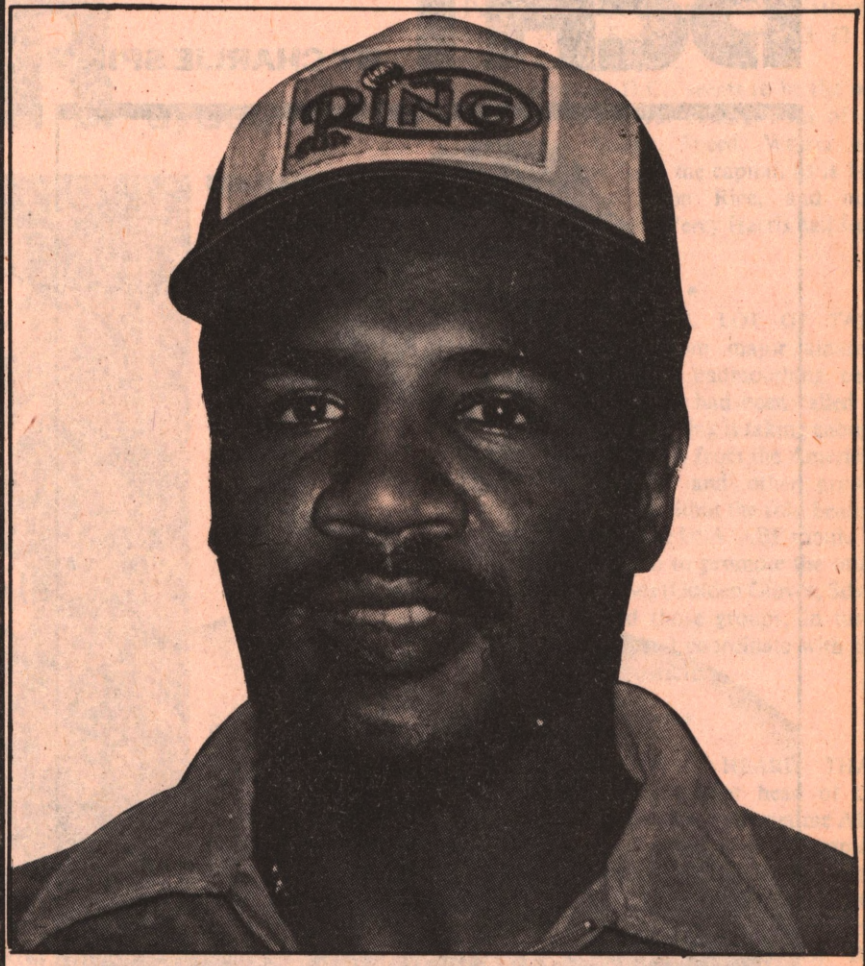

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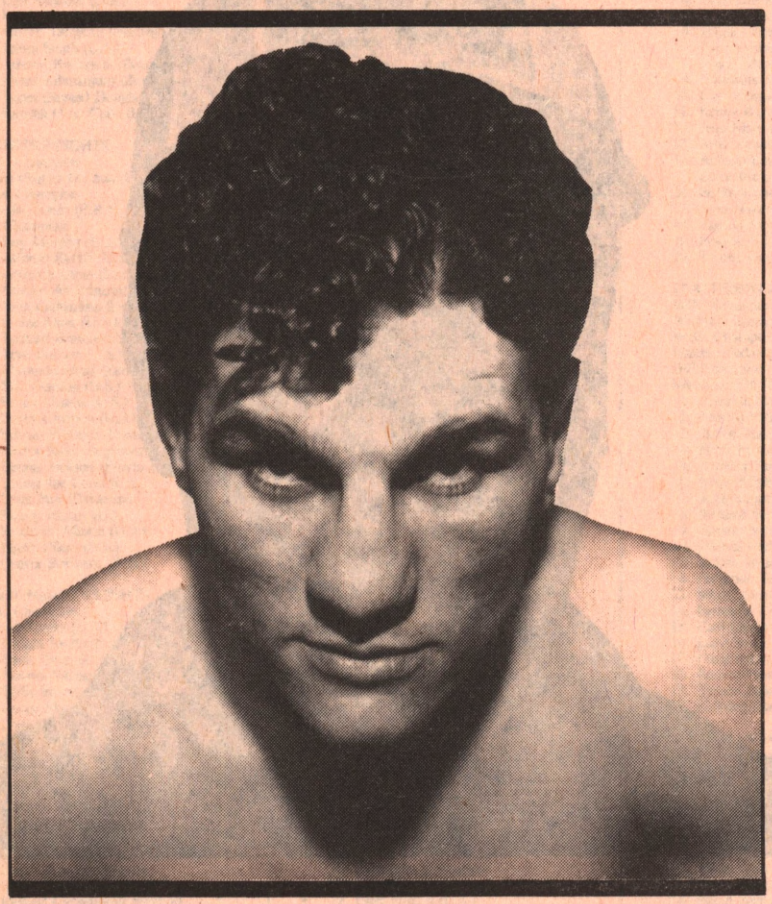
VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

BY CHARLIE SPINA



ALDO SPOLDI

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR ITALIAN fighters to campaign in the United States was Aldo Spoldi. Born in Rome, Spoldi won both the Italian featherweight and lightweight titles as an amateur. He turned professional in 1932 and, in his first three years of punch for pay, fought all over Europe, England, and South Africa, winning all his bouts but one. This lone loss was to Carlo Orlandi, another Italian star of the time.

Aldo made his American debut in 1935, whipping Freddie (Red) Cochrane over eight rounds in Chicago. Soldi was a hard puncher and kayoed the likes of Ernie Ratner, Lou Camps, Jackie (Kid) Berg, Maxie Fisher, Morman Snow, Johnny Tooney, Pancho Villa, George Levy and Orville Drouillard.

Decision victories came over Eddie Zivic, Lou Lombardi, Al Roth, Eddie Brink, Phil Baker and Richie Fontaine. In 1937, Aldo fought a thrilling bout with former triple champion Henry Armstrong in Madison Square Garden. Aldo lost, but was the only man to stay the distance with "Hammering Henry" that year. In fact, Armstrong was in the midst of a knockout run of 33 victims in 15 months. Spoldi not only interrupted Armstrong's streak, he came close to copping the duke.

Next, Aldo returned to Europe and won 13 bouts in a row, capturing the European lightweight crown along the way. He came back to the United States in 1939 and fought the rest of his bouts here, fighting Armstrong three more times before he hung up his gloves with over 150 pro bouts to his credit.

After his retirement, Spoldi became a manager and trainer. He was the main reason for the success of Duilio Loi, who won both the European lightweight and world junior welterweight titles. Aldo also promoted and refereed a European wrestling tour of former heavyweight champion Primo Carnera.

Eventually, Spoldi came back to America and settled in Hollywood, California, where he worked as a stewart at the famous Mocambo Club and was later co-owner of the Vesuvio Restaurant. Aldo also worked as a bit actor and appeared in films such as "The Razor's Edge" with Tyrone Power and "Whiplash" with Dane Clark.

Spoldi was at one time the sports editor of Italio-Americano and a correspondent for *The Ring*. He was the organizer of Ring 24, VBA, San Diego, California. Today, Aldo lives in La Jolla, California and is an honorary member of the World Boxing Hall of Fame. He is in fine spirits and wishes to be remembered to all his friends in the USA and abroad.

THE VETERAN BOXERS ASSOCIATION of Brooklyn, New York, Ring 21, held their 24th Annual Awards dinner and dance at the Micali's night club this past October 21st. A sell-out crowd of 500 came to honor the following veteran boxers: Mike Marsie, Joey Agro, Jack Barro, Tony Alessi and Ralph Giffone. Many former boxers were in the audience, including former light heavyweight champion Jose Torres.

I RECENTLY HEARD A GOOD STORY from former heavyweight contender Lou Nova, who accepted the Max Baer Plaque in honor of the former late heavyweight champ, who was installed posthumously into the World Boxing Hall of Fame at the Marriot Hotel in Los Angeles. It seems that, at the weigh-in for the match between Max and Lou back in 1941, Lou was a bit nervous. Baer had been responsible for the ring deaths of Frankie Cambell and Ernie Schaff, so Lou had every reason to be worried. Nova was expecting Max to snarl and act tough at the weigh-in, and had steeled himself for the pre-fight encounter. He was taken back, however, when Max smiled pleasantly and asked in a nice tone of voice, "How's the wife and that sweet new baby daughter of yours, Lou?" It goes to show that you never know what to expect from a fighter. □

THE AMATEUR BOXER

By BOB TAYLOR

Buzz Buzalsky, USA/ABF administrator for the recent national championships, gives the outstanding boxer award to Victor Levine. (Photo by Rose Trentman)

THERE WERE OLD FACES AND NEW faces among the champions at the 1984 U.S. Amateur Boxing Championships held last November in Indianapolis.

You had to figure Victor Levine, Kokomo, Indiana, lightweight would be among the old faces to emerge from the crowd. Quarterfinalist at 125 pounds in the Olympic Trials, Victor was last year's National Golden Gloves featherweight king and has fought all the topnotchers in that division. To reach the gold at the Indy nationals, Victor had to best Obie Beard in the finals by 4-1 decision. Obie is the brother of Jackie Beard, pro featherweight contender.

For his performance, Victor was named one of three outstanding boxers. The two others so honored were Lyndon Walker, 125, of Washington, D.C., and Loren Ross, 178, from the Army at Fort Hood.

Coach Ed Baker figures he'll keep Victor in the simonpures for another year. He'd like to see the Kokomo Kid capture another Golden Gloves national title next month in Little Rock, Arkansas. Victor has a younger brother, Dwayne, who's also doing well inside the ropes. Dwayne took the bantam title at the 1984 U.S. Junior Championships.

Finals outcomes, besides Levine-Beard, were: 106, James Harris, Washington, D.C., dec. Brian Lonon, Army/Arlington, Texas, 5-0; 112, Bernard Price, Muncie, Indiana, dec. Richard Duran, Sacramento, California, 5-0; 119, Eugene Speed, Washington, D.C., dec. Les Fabri, Seattle, 4-1; 125, Lydon Walker, Washington, D.C., RSC-3 (1:54) Lupe Gutierrez, Turlock, California; 139, Elvis Yero, Miami Beach, dec. Kenneth Kidd, Jackson, Tennessee, 4-1; 147, Daryl Lattimore, Washington, D.C., dec. Alton Rice, Washington, D.C., 5-0; 156, Kevin Bryant, Army/Buffalo, N.Y., RSC-1 (2:20) Ray McElroy, Long Beach, California; 165, Percy Harris, Baltimore, dec. Frankie Swindell, Nashville, 3-2; 178, Loren Ross, Army/Fort Hood, dec. Ronnie Hughes, Army/Orlando, Florida, 5-0; heavy, Michael Bent, Queens, N.Y., dec. Orbit Pough, Miami, 3-2; super heavy, Nathaniel Fitch, Army/Fort Bragg, RSC-3 (2:11) Alfred Slemp, Detroit.

Washington, D.C., seems to be the new big force in amateur boxing. Four of the champions, Harris, Speed, Walker and Lattimore, are from the capital, as is 147-pound finalist Alton Rice, and middleweight champion Percy Harris hail from nearby Baltimore.

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I HEAR AN AWFUL LOT OF TALK about spokesmen from major amateur boxing organizations badmouthing each other. Thought a halt had been called to this crap. Amateur boxing is taking enough of a beating these days from the American Medical Association and other groups without those from within the fold beating up on each other. The USA/ABF should be doing all that it can to promote the other major organizations (Golden Gloves, Silver Gloves, etc.) and those groups, in turn, should cooperate and coordinate with the ABF as much as possible.

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ANOTHER OPINION: HEARD THAT Robert J. Surkein, former head of the AAU Boxing Committee and onetime ABF director, was not invited to the Olympics. That's an outrage. Sure, Surkein has enemies (more fighting takes place within the ranks of amateur boxing officialdom than on most tournament nights). But there's no excuse for leaving him out in the cold and pretending that he hasn't done a great deal for amateur boxing.

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THE TALENTED WAYNE HANKINS, 165, was named outstanding boxer in the recent 54th annual CYO Boxing Classic held in Chicago.

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IT'LL BE NUMBER 58 FOR THE National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions when it opens its tent March 25-30 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Tournament director this year is a real nice guy, Ray Rodgers, whose wife, Sally, works the corner, and whose daughter, Lisa, judges. □

ASK THE STARS

Ring Magazine's indefatigable editors track down the biggest V.I.P.s in boxing to get answers to readers' provocative questions. If you have a query for a fighter, manager, promoter or anyone in the fight game, write:

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FOR BUTCH LEWIS
Michael Spinks' promoter:

Q Why are you having such a difficult time making a match between Michael Spinks and Larry Holmes?

E.C.W., FORT WORTH, TX

A **The real problem is that Don King doesn't want to see the fight happen. If Holmes fights Spinks and Spinks wins, King is out of the biggest title he has. Everybody will look to the guy who beats Holmes as being the only real champion.**

FOR 'BONECRUSHER' SMITH
Heavyweight contender:

Q Why did you quit in the Larry Holmes fight when referee Davey Pearl asked you if you wanted to continue?

R.M., ANAHEIM, CA

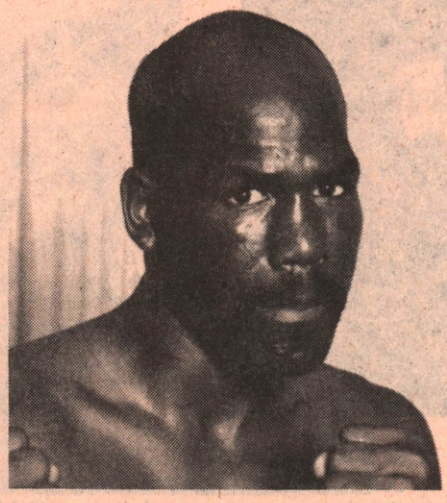
A **I was trying to fight, but I couldn't see. The eye had been cut before, but never that bad. I felt real good, but I could feel the blood going into my eye.**

FOR LARRY HOLMES
IBF Heavyweight Champion:

Q Are you seriously interested in pursuing Rocky Marciano's record of 49-0?

E.S., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A **No, that never meant anything to me anyway. I'm 46-0. I've got 18 title defenses. He only had six. It may take everybody another 40 years to recognize my greatness, but they'll have to eventually.**



FOR MARVIN JOHNSON
Former WBC & WBA light heavyweight champion:

Q You say you want to win the title for a third time, but in your most recent fight (a 10 round unanimous decision over Charles Williams) you were almost knocked out in the final round. What happened?

B.D., INDIANAPOLIS, IN

A **I overtrained for the Williams fight. I weighed only 172 the day before the fight and I felt a little weak. After the first round, I wasn't sweating and I knew I overtrained. But it's incredible to overtrain and still win a good fight.**

FOR SUGAR RAY LEONARD
Former welterweight & junior middleweight champion:

Q What do you remember about your first pro bout against Luis Vega?

A.G., NEWINGTON, CT

A **I hit him with so many combinations, it was just like a rerun of *Rocky*. I remember predicting a fourth-round knockout, but I'm glad it went the distance. It gave me a first-hand feeling of professional boxing.**

FOR JAKE LA MOTTA
Former middleweight champion:

Q Are there any fighters around today who you consider unbeatable?

R.T., BRONX, NY

A **No. Every fighter has a weakness. The trick is to find it. For every move the opponent makes there's a corresponding move. You have to know how to retaliate.**

FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION

TIM BROADY RATES THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT PUNCHER TIM (TNT) Broady got his start in boxing almost by accident. It happened while the Brooklyn, New York native was living in Tacoma, Washington, doing a stint in the US Army. He was into karate and other martial arts and received a rude awakening one day while working out . . . "I was sparring with a boxer and he hurt me. I figured, hey, let me find out what this (boxing) is all about. I decided to give it a try." . . . Broady went directly to the Tacoma Boys Club, starting place for future world champions Rocky Lockridge and Johnny Bumphus, and began an amateur career that spanned 50 bouts . . . Tim claims to have won 45 of these simon pure outings, all via knockout . . . As a pro, Broady's sweeping left hook (reminiscent of Hurricane Carter and Cyclone Hart) has helped him build a 15-2-1 record, with all of his wins coming inside the distance. He is managed by Joe Scorcia and trained by Louis Resto. Tim resides in Jersey City and trains in Brooklyn . . . While living in Tacoma, Tim got married. His wife and six-year old son are still living in Washington . . . "I'll be bringing them back east in a few months." . . . 1984 was a busy year for Broady. He went to the post 10 times, recoding an 8-1-1 mark for the year. Among his better wins was a ninth round stoppage over previously undefeated (17-0) Charles Singleton and a second round kayo over Anthony Witherspoon . . . Before tackling Michael Spinks, Broady feels he needs, "three more fights." He's quick to add, however . . . "I have a lot of respect for Spinks, but I'd fight him tomorrow."

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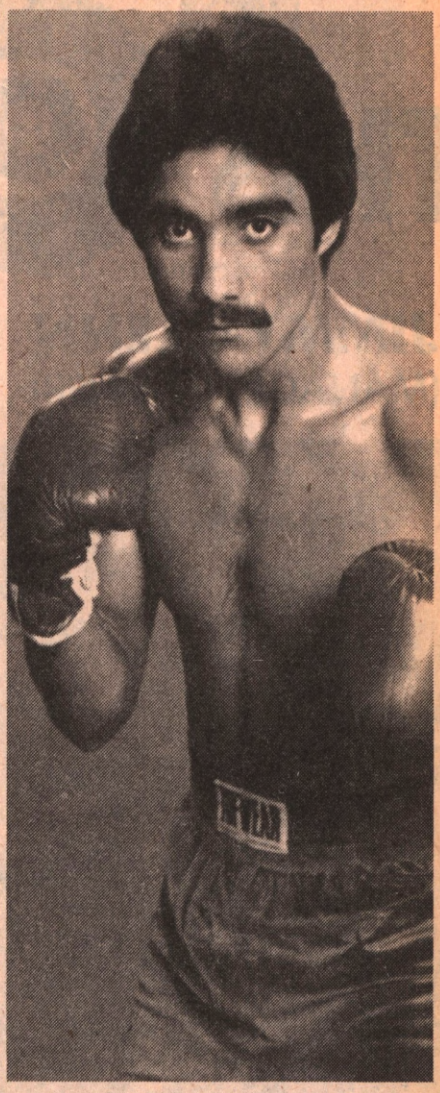
1. Michael Spinks
2. Eddie Davis
3. Dwight Qawi
4. J. B. Williamson
5. Willie Edwards
6. Pete McIntyre
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra
8. Marvin Johnson
9. Johnny Davis
10. Don LaLonde

LOUIS ESPINOZA RATES THE FEATHERWEIGHTS

IT WAS WHILE WATCHING THE second Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran fight on closed circuit television that Phoenix's Louis Espinoza decided he wanted to become a boxer. He was the state high school wrestling champion, but had never boxed. In need of a trainer, he literally found one (Willy Borchert) while looking in the Yellow Pages under "boxing lessons." . . . Espinoza had his first amateur bout two weeks later and went on to win two Arizona Golden Gloves titles and the 1982 National Turquoise Gloves tournament . . . It was during the Turquoise Gloves that Louis caught the eye of none other than Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini, who was in Tucson training for his title-winner fight with Art Frias. A year later, when Mancini was having difficulty finding sparring partners, Ray remembered Espinoza and hired him to help prepare for a bout with Johnny Torres . . . It wasn't long before Louis was part of the Mancini stable, under the protective wing of manager David Wolf . . . As a professional, Espinoza has recorded 12 wins in 13 starts, with eight knockouts to his credit. His lone loss was to Dana Roston via a 10 round decision . . . "It was Louis' first TV appearance," claims Wolf. "He froze and was dropped three times in the first round. But he got up to give Roston a good fight the rest of the way." . . . Wolf recently turned down an offer of over $100,000 for Espinoza's contract, predicting that Louis will be world champion within two years . . . In his most recent match, Espinoza turned in a workman-like performance, stopping Elvin Gonzales in six.



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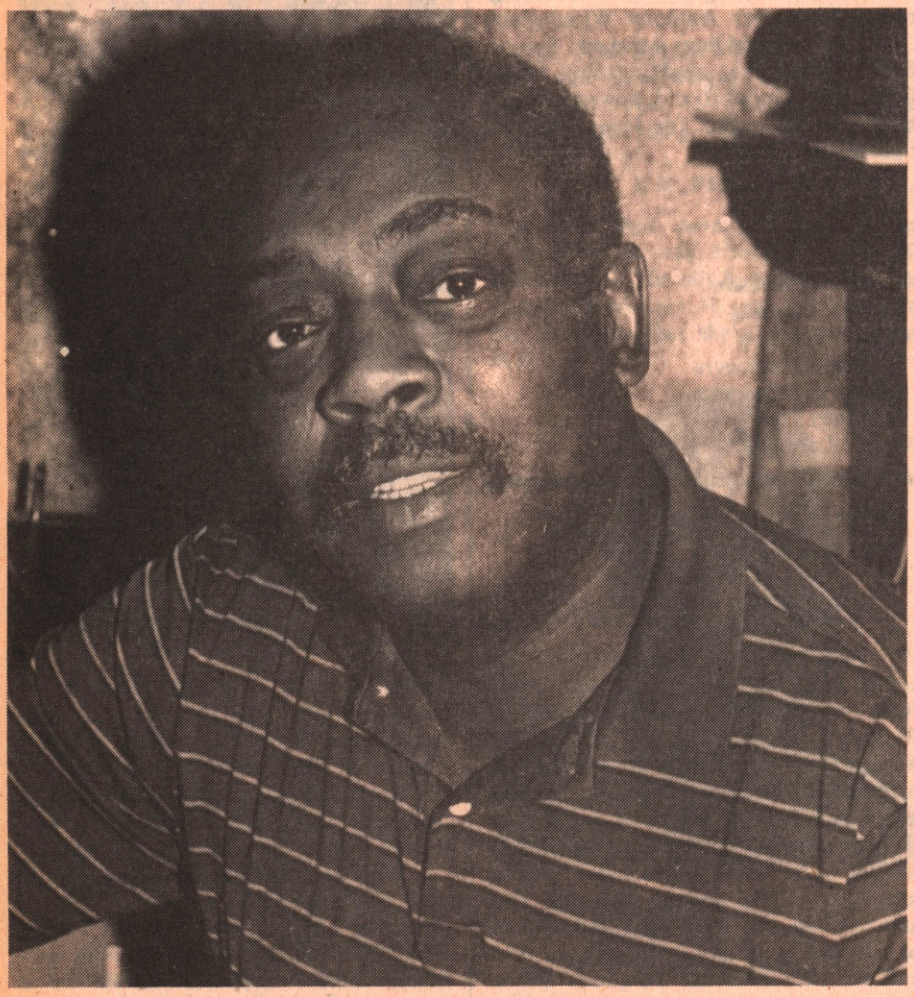
1. Eusebio Pedroza
2. Wifredo Gomez
3. Juan LaPorte
4. Bernard Taylor
5. Jackie Beard
6. Barry McGuigan
7. Johnny De La Rosa
8. Azumah Nelson
9. Richard Savage
10. Marcos Villasana

IN THIS CORNER

JIMMY GLENN
(MANAGER-TRAINER)



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HE'S A SOFT-SPOKEN, HUMBLE human being, as honest as a hard day's work; the antithesis of the stereotyped cigar-chomping boxing manager, pictured in all the sordid boxing movies. His name is Jimmy Glenn.

Walk into Jimmy's Corner, a bar nestled in the midst of the theatre district in New York City, and you'll be surrounded by pictures of past and present boxing greats. Joe Frazier, Larry Holmes, Emile Griffith and many other great champions have all sat on a barstool in Jimmy's Corner and toasted the owner. This bar pays Jimmy Glenn's bills. Glenn's labor of love lies two blocks away, near the bright lights of Times Square. It's aptly named the Times Square Gym.

"I haven't made any money in boxing up until now," Glenn said. "But I love the game. The bar makes me a living so that I can afford to run the gym. Most of the kids that come into the gym aren't pro fighters. They just want to stay off the streets and hopefully stay out of jail. The gym gives them a place to go to keep out of trouble."

Glenn's first gym was the third Moravian Community Center, a church on 127th Street and Lenox Ave. in Harlem. Glenn operated the center from 1949-1976, sometimes spending up to ten hours a day working with the youths in the neighborhood. Some of the kids were running away from home; some were running away from heroin. Glenn found time for every one of them.

"My wife used to tell me my gym was my second home," Glenn said. "But everyone has something he loves. Even if you never make a champ, you still feel great by helping people."

To Glenn's dismay, the city closed the church and the gym to build a housing project on 127th Street. But one day Jimmy Glenn noticed a "For Lease" sign over a tuxedo shop on 42nd Street and he was back in business.

"The rent was reasonable, and I still had the bar," Glenn said. "So I decided to turn the loft into a gym."

Most boxing gyms smell of stale sweat, but the Times Square Gym is a breath of fresh air. Many champs and leading contenders, including Wilfredo Gomez, Juan LaPorte, Ray Mancini and Mark Medal train there.

Glenn compiled a 14-2 record as an amateur in the late 1940's. He was beaten in the semi finals of the Golden Gloves by future heavyweight champion of the world Floyd Patterson. Ironically, it was with Patterson that Glenn got the valuable experience that turned him into an excellent trainer. Glenn worked in Patterson's corner many times, including when Patterson lost to Muhammad Ali in 1972.

But it's another Alli, world ranked lightweight Terrance Alli, who might make Glenn's dreams come true. Although Glenn worked with lightweight Howard Davis in both of Davis' aborted title attempts, Howard Davis Sr. is actually the manager and trainer. Alli is Glenn's pupil alone. Glenn also manages and trains excellent middleweight prospect Mark McPherson, and heavyweight Gary Lightbourne. Donald Hayes, also a top-notch trainer, is Glenn's right hand man.

"Alli came into my gym as Davis' sparring partner," Glenn explained. "I saw he was a hard worker and had potential. After working with him three months, he became an excellent fighter.

"Every manager and trainer dreams of having a champ," Glenn continued. "Terrance Alli is going to fulfill my dream."

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